

English: Bachelor of Arts Major and Minor

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Admission Type	Selective entry
Enrolment Type	Open enrolment
Program Type	Undergraduate
Credential Granted	Baccalaureate Degree
Offered At	Langley Richmond Surrey
Format	Full-time Part-time
How to Apply	www.kpu.ca/admission

DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Arts, Major or Minor in English programs focus on the diverse literatures of the English-speaking world, including the full range of British, Canadian, and American literary traditions, diasporic literature and literature in translation, oral and written Aboriginal narratives, and classic and contemporary film. These degrees will allow students to develop the knowledge, core competencies, and skills characteristic of a traditional Bachelor of Arts program, while preparing them to respond critically and creatively to a wide range of issues and challenges in our community and in society in general. In addition to critical reading, writing and thinking skills, students who complete a Bachelor of Arts in English will be prepared for entry into the labour market through the incorporation of essential employability skills into all of our courses. They will also benefit from the expertise and the commitment to teaching excellence of our faculty, as well as from the small class sizes that characterize undergraduate study at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. Arts degrees have high levels of student satisfaction, and the literacy and analytical skills developed in such programs will prepare students to become constructive members of society and to fit well into the workplace.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Kwantlen Polytechnic University will have acquired a combination of discipline-based knowledge, core competencies and transferable skills that are not confined to a single career path but rather will allow them to pursue a wide range of personal and professional goals, ranging from education, journalism and advertising to social work, creative writing and communications. In addition, they will be well prepared for post-graduate studies in English, Law, Library Science, Human Resources, and Public Relations, to name only a few of the fields that graduates of English programs have traditionally entered. In fact, employers often rank graduates of English Studies programs as among their most versatile and adaptable employees.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to Kwantlen's General university admission requirements, including the undergraduate-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply:

Year One Admission:

- English 12 with a 'B' (or equivalent)
- Mathematics:
 - Minimum grade of 'C' in Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, or Applications of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in Foundations of Mathematics 11 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C-' in Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent)

Year Three Admission:

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses (total of six or more credits).
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Mathematics:
 - Minimum grade of 'C' in Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, or Applications of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in Foundations of Mathematics 11 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C-' in Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in the above Two Quantitative courses (three credits of which must be from the Faculty of Science & Horticulture)
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

Qualifying Year

Students who do not qualify upon initial application to KPU may be eligible for entry to the Qualifying Year. Students who possess at least a 'C' in English 12 (or equivalent) and a passing grade in either Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Math 11, Foundations of Mathematics 11, Applications of Math 12 (or equivalents) will be able to apply for entry to the BA Qualifying Year. Students will be admitted to the BA program in the second year provided they have successfully completed appropriate qualifying courses. Other applicants who do not qualify are encouraged to consult an Educational Advisor for the appropriate qualifying courses that satisfy the application criteria.

CONTINUANCE REQUIREMENTS

Current BA students must meet the following requirements to continue into their 3rd year of study. Registration access to third or fourth year courses is first awarded to students who have completed the following:

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses (total of six or more credits).
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students in the Bachelor of Arts, Major or Minor in English program will begin their first year of study with English 1100, an introductory writing course that is required of all students at KPU, followed by one of two introductory literature courses. In their second year, students will choose at least three courses from a variety of 2000-level options designed to provide them with the literary historical knowledge necessary for upper-level study of literature in English. In their third year, students undertake in-depth study in a range of specific literary-historical periods and may concentrate on the development of a specific literary genre, i.e. poetry, fiction, drama or film. Finally, in the fourth year, students examine more sharply focused topics or themes, which are considered from multiple perspectives. (The specific requirements at each level of study, and the different requirements for the Major and Minor programs, are outlined below.)

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in English must complete all requirements in the Bachelor of Arts framework in addition to their major or minor program requirements.

English Major

1000 LEVEL

The 1000 level of study in English provides a foundation for all Bachelor of Arts degree students by providing six to nine credits of critical reading and writing-intensive course work. Courses at the 1100 level focus primarily on the essay form; those at the 1200 level focus primarily on introductions to fiction, poetry and drama. Some instructors also teach film in these courses.

All Bachelor of Arts program students must complete:

ENGL 1100	Introduction to University Writing	3 credits
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And one of:

ENGL 1202	Reading and Writing about Selected Topics	3 credits
ENGL 1204	Reading and Writing about Genre	3 credits

2000 LEVEL

English courses at the 2000 level are accessible to all students who have completed six English course credits from above (or their equivalent).

Prospective Bachelor of Arts, Major in English program students must complete:

ENGL 2316	English Literature: 14th to 18th Centuries	3 credits
ENGL 2317	English Literature: 18th to 20th Centuries	3 credits

And one of:

ENGL 2301	Canadian Literature in English	3 credits
ENGL 2309	Literature of the United States of America	3 credits

Students may also take further second-year courses as electives:

ENGL 2300	Advanced Writing and Research	3 credits
ENGL 2315	The Comic Voice	3 credits
ENGL 2319	The Novel in English: Its Development	3 credits
ENGL 2320	Studies in Poetry	3 credits
ENGL 2330	Studies in Drama	3 credits
ENGL 2340	Studies in Fiction	3 credits
ENGL 2350	Critical Studies in Film	3 credits

3000 AND 4000 LEVEL

English courses at the 3000 level are accessible to students who have completed at least six credits in English at the 2000 level.

English courses at the 4000 level are accessible to students who have completed at least three credits in English at the 3000 level. In order to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts, Major in English, however, students must be admitted to the Bachelor of Arts and meet all of the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements, including all program requirements for an English Major.

In order to satisfy the requirements of the Bachelor of Arts, Major in English program, students must also complete at least thirty credits of study in 3000- and 4000-level English courses. These thirty credits must include a minimum of three credits at the 4000 level and meet the following distribution requirements:

a) Must complete:

ENGL 3300	Critical Theory	3 credits
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b) At least three credits from each group prior to 1900:

Group A:

ENGL 3315	Chaucer: Saints, Sinners, and Sex	3 credits
ENGL 3320	Studies in Shakespeare	3 credits
ENGL 3321	English Renaissance Drama, Excluding Shakespeare	3 credits

ENGL 3323	Seventeenth-Century British Literature	3 credits
ENGL 3325	Eighteenth-Century British Literature	3 credits
Group B:		
ENGL 3301	Nineteenth-Century Canadian Literature in English	3 credits
ENGL 3306	Literature of the United States: Beginnings to 1865	3 credits
ENGL 3328	Romantic Poetry and Poetics	3 credits
ENGL 3332	Victorian Poetry and Non-Fiction	3 credits
ENGL 3336	The Victorian Novel	3 credits

c) At least three credits in each of the five areas after 1900:

Area 1:

ENGL 3351	Studies in Modernism	3 credits
ENGL 3352	The British Novel, 1900-1945	3 credits
ENGL 3355	Modern and Contemporary Drama	3 credits
ENGL 3356	Modern and Contemporary Poetry	3 credits
ENGL 3358	British Fiction since 1945	3 credits

Area 2:

ENGL 3301	Nineteenth-Century Canadian Literature in English	3 credits
ENGL 3302	Canadian Prose in English from 1900	3 credits
ENGL 3303	Canadian Poetry in English from 1880 to the Present	3 credits
ENGL 3304	Canadian Drama in English	3 credits
ENGL 4401	Topics in Canadian Literature	3 credits

Area 3:

ENGL 3307	Literature of the United States: 1865-1910	3 credits
ENGL 3308	Literature of the United States: 1910-1945	3 credits
ENGL 3309	Literature of the United States: 1945 to the Present	3 credits
ENGL 4409	Topics in Literature of the United States	3 credits

Area 4:

ENGL 3310	Literature in Translation	3 credits
ENGL 3340	Cross-Cultural World Literature	3 credits
ENGL 3345	Diasporic Literatures	3 credits
ENGL 3360	Writing Women/Women Writing	3 credits

ENGL 3390	Indigenous Narratives, Oral and Written	3 credits
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Area 5:

ENGL 3313	Reading Canonical Writers	3 credits
ENGL 3316	History of the English Language	3 credits
ENGL 3317	Readings in the History of Ideas	3 credits
ENGL 3330	Children's Literature	3 credits
ENGL 3350	Literature and Film	3 credits
ENGL 3370	Life Writing	3 credits
ENGL 3380	Popular Writing	3 credits
ENGL 4300	Writing and Persuasion Beyond the Classroom	3 credits
ENGL 4350	Topics in Film Studies	3 credits
ENGL 4400	English Studies in the Classroom	3 credits
ENGL 4700	Special Topics in Literature	3 credits

Note:

- The grade for each English course taken towards a Major in English must be a 'C' or better.
- In years 3 and 4, students may take up to 42 credits of 3000- and 4000-level English courses.
- Courses will be offered on a rotating basis (i.e. not all courses will be available in a given year). KPU will ensure, however, that each of the time periods (prior to 1900 and after 1900) is represented every year.

English Minor

1000 LEVEL

The 1000 level of study in English provides a foundation for all Bachelor of Arts degree students by providing six to nine credits of critical reading and writing-intensive course work. Courses at the 1100 level focus primarily on the essay form; those at the 1200 level focus primarily on introductions to fiction, poetry and drama.

All Bachelor of Arts program students must complete:

ENGL 1100	Introduction to University Writing	3 credits
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And one of:

ENGL 1202	Reading and Writing about Selected Topics	3 credits
ENGL 1204	Reading and Writing about Genre	3 credits

2000 LEVEL

English courses at the 2000 level are accessible to all students who have completed six English course credits from above (or their equivalent).

Bachelor of Arts, Minor in English program students must complete:

ENGL 2316	English Literature: 14th to 18th Centuries	3 credits
ENGL 2317	English Literature: 18th to 20th Centuries	3 credits

And one of:

ENGL 2301	Canadian Literature in English	3 credits
ENGL 2309	Literature of the United States of America	3 credits

Any other 2300-level English courses may be used as electives.

3000 AND 4000 LEVEL

English courses at the 3000 level are accessible to students who have completed at least six credits in English at the 2000 level. English courses at the 4000 level are accessible to students who have completed at least three credits in English at the 3000 level.

Students who have completed the nine credits of required English courses at the 2000 level, as well as the other third-year entry requirements for the Bachelor of Arts, can apply for entry into the Bachelor of Arts, Minor in English program.

Bachelor of Arts, Minor in English program students must complete:

ENGL 3300	Critical Theory	3 credits
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And twelve credits chosen from among the other 3000-level and 4000-level English courses, at least 3 credits of which is from the 4000 level.

Note: The grade for each English course taken towards a Minor in English must be a 'C' or better.

CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of the major program students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts**. Transcripts will indicate a **Major in English**.

Upon successful completion of the minor as part of a Bachelor of Arts program, transcripts will indicate a **Minor in English**.