

English: Bachelor of Arts Major and Minor

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| English | kpu.ca/arts/english |
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| 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 KPU'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 degree 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:

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

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| 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:

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

And one of:

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| 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:

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| 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:

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

Group A:

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| ENGL 3315 | Studies in Chaucer | 3 credits |
| ENGL 3320 | Studies in Shakespeare | 3 credits |
| ENGL 3321 | English Renaissance Drama, Excluding Shakespeare | 3 credits |

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| 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:

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| 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:

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| 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:

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| 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:

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| 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 |

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

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| 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:

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

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| 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:

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

And one of:

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| 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:

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| 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**.