



English

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



Who We Are

Ours has been regarded as the best teaching English department in Ontario and one of the best in Canada. The English faculty actively publish in their fields of research, and believe that original, publishable insight is continuous with the good teaching. The Department gives priority to excellence in teaching and values it above all else.

*the degree
that works*

Why Windsor

The Right Choice

Quality programs. Exceptional faculty members. A friendly, supportive campus. These are just a few of the reasons why Windsor is the right choice for you. We provide "the degree that works," an innovative, student-focused approach that combines learner-centred teaching with practical experiences to prepare its students for the challenges of tomorrow.

Vibrant and Dynamic

Windsor (www.city.windsor.on.ca/home) is a friendly community of 200,000. We're known for our exciting arts and entertainment scene, hundreds of restaurants, and abundant shopping. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy our moderate climate, many major waterways and countless parks. And, our strategic, international border location means Michigan is just across the river with concerts, world-class museums and four major league sports teams.

The Windsor advantage

The core English program is the study of literature. The chief aim of its courses in English, American, and Canadian literatures is to teach students how to analyze literature. Since the best works of literature are infinitely subtle and profound, this is an unending process of discovery, for faculty and students.

Central to it is growth in sensitivity to the relationship between form and content. Content, or "the truth of literature", is the truth about what it means to be human. That is why the process of interpretation involves every aspect of culture, including history, philosophy, ideology, and psychology.

On the undergraduate and graduate levels, our literature courses form the context of other courses in theory, cultural studies, rhetoric, and Creative Writing. After the interpretation of literature, our creative writing program is our special area of focus.

The English programs are at the heart of the Liberal Arts in the university and closely allied with programs in Drama, Visual Art, Classical and Modern Languages, History, and Philosophy. Courses from these programs parallel and complement courses in English.

Program Profile

Ours is one of the few English departments in Canada that offer undergraduate and master's level programs in creative writing.

The Creative Writing programs are inextricable from our literature programs because the best way to learn to write well is to read the best writing.

The department is unique in Canada for the degree to which it fosters creative writing. Professors who teach creative writing courses also teach literature and other courses and publish academic books and articles, but they also publish creative work, primarily books of fiction and poetry. In addition to the creative-writing professors, the department includes a Writing Professional, who works in publishing and journalism and is, himself, a published poet. Each semester, the department brings onto campus a series of visiting writers from across the country.

In addition to these, the department has an adjunct professor of international renown, who visits to teach and read student work one week each year, and a Writer in Residence (a different one each year), who works in the department and reads and gives suggestions on students' work. In addition to these, Alistair MacLeod, winner of the Dublin IMPAC Award, occupies an office, gives occasional readings, and serves as a presiding genius of the place.

An unusual aspect of our emphasis on student writing is a course in computer applications in our hypertext and electronic editing centre, where students learn HTML and internet skills designed for career applications in editing and teaching. Hands-on experience is also available in editing the *Windsor Review*.

Career Paths

Graduates of our programs have gone on to careers in teaching, publishing, writing and journalism, advertising and administration, public service, business, creative arts, and law.

Admission Requirements

Six Grade 12 U or U/C courses, including Grade 12 U English 1.

Degrees Available at the University of Windsor:

- English Language and Literature, Honours Bachelor of Arts
- English Language and Literature, Bachelor of Arts
- English Literature and Creative Writing, Honours Bachelor of Arts
- Language and Logic, Honours Bachelor of Arts
- Combined Honours English Language and Literature
- Combined Honours English Literature and Creative Writing

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