

# ENGLISH (HBA)

Department of English & Drama

**Choose a major in English** at UTM, and you'll be taught by internationally renowned scholars, critics, and creative writers. You'll get a grounding in some of the most famous works ever written in English - from Shakespeare's *The Tempest* to Toni Morrison's *Beloved*. You'll also encounter exciting courses about video games, indigenous literature and storytelling, artificial intelligence, Canadian poetry, and world literatures. A degree in English will give you exceptional skills as a writer, researcher, critical thinker, and communicator, opening up a wide range of careers. English graduates pursue successful careers as lawyers, professional writers, and teachers, but they also become fashion entrepreneurs, investment advisors, and lab technicians. UTM English students are especially well-positioned for admission to advanced degree programs in the Humanities, Law, Medicine, and Business, and by combining a major in a Science or Social Science with a major in English, you'll give yourself an edge in any field.

## MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and suggestions to get you started, although there are many paths to follow! As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty, and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using **My Program Plan** found at [www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans)

### Programs of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE1645 English (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ1645 English (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1645 English (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN1497 Creative Writing (Arts)

### Check out...

Explore the range and richness of South-Asian literature in ENG310H5. In ENG323H5, find out why Jane Austen emerged from her time period to become a global industry in ours. Discover in ENG396H5 how literary theory shapes the understanding of texts and culture!

### What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

**Careers for Graduates:** Advertising Copywriter; Critic; Digital Content Editor; Book Editor; Film, Television, or Radio Broadcaster; Journalist; Lawyer; Librarian / Archivist; Lobbyist; Policy Analyst; Politician; Public Relations Officer; Teacher; Technical Writer; School Administrator; Social Media Manager; Screenwriter; Speechwriter; Author, and much more!

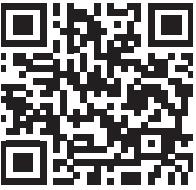
**Workplaces:** Government; Publishing; Human Resources; Market Research; Public Relations and Advertising; Education; Libraries; Technology; Creative.

Read more about **why you should study English!**



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## MAJOR Program Plan



### HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN

Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you.

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Update your plan yearly.

	1 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR	3 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR	4 <sup>TH</sup> OR FINAL YEAR
<b>PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*</b>	<p><b>1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR</b></p> <p>Lay foundations for your Major by taking ENG101H5 or ENG102H5 or ENG105H5. Visit the <b>English and Drama Undergraduate Advisor</b> to learn about the Major “Groups”.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the <b>Degree Explorer</b> and the <b>Academic Calendar</b> to plan your degree.</p> <p>Develop academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a <b>utmONE</b> First-Year Foundations Course. Build community and gain academic support through <b>LAUNCH</b>. Join a <b>RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group</b>.</p>	<p><b>2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR</b></p> <p>Take ENG202H5, ENG203H5, and ENG280H5, the core courses for majors. View the <b>Academic Calendar</b> for course options.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use <b>Degree Explorer</b> to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.</li> <li>• See the <b>Office of the Registrar</b> and the <b>English and Drama Undergraduate Advisor</b>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR</b></p> <p>Attain 2.0 credits at the 300-level, and make sure that you have taken credits from each of the topic groups for English, described in the <b>Academic Calendar</b>.</p> <p>Consider applying for the <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> courses ENG398H or ENG399Y. Visit the Experiential Education Unit website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>. Attend the RGASC's <b>Program for Accessing Research Training (PART)</b> to enhance your research skills.</p>	<p><b>4<sup>TH</sup> OR FINAL YEAR</b></p> <p>Take a 400-level research-driven seminar, or try some courses you missed along the way, e.g. ENG276H5 Fanfiction or ENG373H5 Creative Writing: Poetry. Check that you have met all the requirements for a Major: the <b>English and Drama Undergraduate Advisor</b> can help!</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
<b>BUILD SKILLS</b>	<p>Use the <b>Co-Curricular Record (CCR)</b>. Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Get Hired Fair</b> through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Experiential Education Fair</b>.</p>	<p>Use the <b>Career &amp; Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx)</b> to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Work on-campus through the <b>Work-Study program</b>. View position descriptions on the CLN.</p>	<p>Explore your interests. Interested in creative writing or game studies? We have courses on composing poetry, prose, and nonfiction, and on video games and game theory! Speak to the <b>English and Drama Undergraduate Advisor</b> for advice and details.</p> <p>Looking to develop your leadership skills? Apply to become a <b>LAUNCH Leader</b> with the CSE.</p>	<p>Gain experience in the field of print and online news. Write for <b>The Medium</b> — the source of news for UTM students.</p>
<b>BUILD A NETWORK</b>	<p>First year is a great time to network by meeting new people. Start by joining the <b>English and Drama Student Society (EDSS)</b>. Follow them @utm.edss. Attend a department pizza lunch and find out about the English Major!</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library <b>Reference Desk</b>.</p>	<p>Do you have a professor you would like to connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material.</p> <p>Don't be shy! Learn <b>Tips On How to Approach a Professor</b> available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).</p>	<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published in English and Drama department's student journal <b>Folia</b>.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the <b>Association for Canadian and Québec Literatures</b> or the <b>Professional Writers Association of Canada</b>.</p> <p>Go to a conference such as the <b>Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences</b>.</p>
<b>BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET</b>	<p>Engage with the many programs offered by the <b>International Education Centre (IEC)</b>, whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider joining the <b>Canada Eh?</b> day trips or <b>English Language Conversation Circles</b> to deepen your global mindset.</p> <p>First-year international students can also take advantage of <b>THRIVE-IN</b>, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.</p>	<p>Participate in <b>International Education Week</b> and engage in programs like <b>Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS)</b> to build on your leadership and communication skills in global citizenship.</p> <p>Learn about and prepare for a future <b>UTM Abroad Experience</b> through the IEC to strengthen and enhance your intercultural skill set, and learn about other cultures while sharing your own!</p>	<p>Expanding your intercultural awareness and developing intercultural skills will help you in your academics, personal growth and are highly sought out by employers.</p> <p><b>Earn credits overseas!</b> Apply to study for a summer term, or year at one of 170+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about <b>Outbound Exchange</b>, funding and travel safety. Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you!</p>	<p>Engage in programs like <b>ISTEP</b> and <b>THRIVE-OUT</b> to support your transition out of the University!</p>
<b>PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE</b>	<p>Start by exploring the <b>UTM Career Centre Model</b>—a chance to reflect and choose what's right for you with guided support. Access <b>MyCareerCentre</b> 24/7 for flexible, interactive career learning at your own pace.</p> <p>Connect with support in-person: Drop-in to an <b>Academic &amp; Career Planning Session</b> to chat with Advisors and Career Counsellors. Visit the Career Corner in the <b>Student Services Hub</b> to chat with a Peer Career Assistant about resources that fit your goals.</p>	<p>Explore your options with the CC's <b>Job Shadow Program, In the Field</b>, or a one-on-one with a <b>Career Counsellor</b>.</p> <p>Thinking about grad school? Attend the <b>Graduate &amp; Professional School Fair</b>, research application requirements, admission tests, and explore funding options.</p> <p>Getting ready for work? Join workshops, drop-ins, and networking events to build experience and confidently share your skills – Register on <b>CLNx</b>.</p>	<p>Need job search support? Book a coaching appointment with an <b>Employment Strategist</b> for personalized guidance.</p> <p>Ready to take the next step for grad school, visit the Pursue Learning section on <b>MyCareerCentre</b> and drop-in to chat with a <b>Career Counsellor</b> about grad school prep tips.</p> <p>Want to grow your network? Attend the Career Centre Networking Series and Let's Talk About events — Register on <b>CLNx</b>.</p>	<p>Join the <b>Now That I'm Graduating, What's Next?</b> session to start building your job search plan. Attend the <b>Sweats to Suits Job Search Conference</b> and discover diverse career pathways.</p> <p>Work with the <b>Employment Strategist</b> team to review your resume and prep for interviews.</p> <p>Still figuring things out? Meet with a <b>Career Counsellor</b> to create a career plan and attend a <b>Career Wellness</b> session to support your well-being along the way.</p>

\*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

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## Skills developed in English

From writing to critical thinking, from research to creative work, an English program will give you the tools you need for success. As a student in English you will develop skills valued by employers, including the ability to:

- Read carefully
- Write well
- Think critically
- Conduct research
- Communicate clearly
- Solve complex problems thoughtfully and creatively
- Engage with different viewpoints and opinions

## Get involved

Check out the 100+ student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- English & Drama Student Society (EDSS)
- Literature is Alive! (LIA)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit

[Student Groups and Societies Directory](#)

## Services that support you

- **Accessibility Services (AS)**
- **Career Centre (CC)**
- **Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)**
- **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Office (EDIO)**
- **Experiential Education Unit (EEU)**
- **Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)**
- **International Education Centre (IEC)**
- **Office of the Registrar (OR)**
- **Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)**
- **Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)**
- **UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)**

## FUTURE STUDENTS

### Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The approx. average required for admission is mid- to high-70s. More information is available at [utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook](http://utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook).

**NOTE:** During the application process, applicants will select the Humanities admissions category, but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

### Sneak Peek

Mississauga and Toronto are among the world's most diverse and multicultural cities. Explore issues such as diasporas, identity, nationality, place, origin, and the multicultural experience of GTA writers in ENG271H5. Learn about Indigenous history and culture and the impacts of settler colonialism in ENG274H5. Discover the newest voices in Canadian literature in ENG357H5.

Perceptive and attentive reading and clear and persuasive writing are key to the craft of literary criticism. Our programs are designed to make students better critics; but these skills are equally crucial in all areas of research, business, and professional activity, and are therefore of lasting value both within and beyond the university.

### Student Recruitment & Admissions

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