Choose a major in English at UTM and you’ll be taught by internationally renowned critics, creative writers, and scholars. 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 the new and the unexpected; UTM English offers courses about video games, contemporary Indigenous writers, digital texts, and medieval world literatures. A degree in English will give you exceptional skills as a writer, researcher, critical thinker and communicator, which will open up a wide range of careers. Many English graduates end up 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 degrees in the Humanities, Law, Medicine, and Business, and by combining a major in a Science or Social Science with one in English you’ll give yourself an edge in any field.

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we’ve pulled together information and interesting suggestions to get you started, although there are many more! 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…**
Dig into the richness and range of world-renowned South Asian literature in English in ENG370H5. How did Jane Austen emerge from her period and become a global industry in ours? Find out in ENG323H5! You’ll study her novels alongside early debates about gender and feminism as well as recent films and fanfiction.

**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:** Public relations; Publisher; Advertising copywriter; Editor; Writer/author; Critic; Film, television, or journalism broadcaster; Lawyer; Policy analyst; Lobbyist; Teacher; Librarian; Technical Writer; Social media manager.

**Workplaces:** Government; Publishing; Human resources; Market research; Public relations and advertising; Education; Libraries; Technology; Creative.
## ENGLISH MAJOR Program Plan

### 1ST YEAR

**Lay foundations for your Major by taking ENG101H5 or ENG102H5 or ENG140Y5.** Visit the English and Drama Undergraduate Advisor to learn about the Major “Groups”.

- **Choose a program of study (Subject POS) once you complete 4.0 credits.** Use the Degree Explorer and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.
- **Start strong and get informed with utmONE and LAUNCH through the Centre for Student Engagement (CSE).** Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.

### 2ND YEAR

- **Take ENG205H5, ENG206H5, and ENG288H5, the core courses for majors.** View the Academic Calendar for course options.
- **Throughout your undergraduate degree:**
  - use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.
  - see the Office of the Registrar and the English and Drama Undergraduate Advisor.

### 3RD YEAR

- **Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.**
- **Use the Career Learning Network (CLN) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.**
- **Work on-campus through the Work-Study program.** View position descriptions on the CLN.

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

- **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 English and Drama Undergraduate Advisor can help!
- **Gain experience in the field of print and online news.** Write for The Medium — the source of news for UTM students.
- **Looking to develop your leadership skills? Apply to become a LAUNCH Leader with the CSE.**

### 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.

### PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*

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### BUILD SKILLS

- Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.
- Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.

### BUILD A NETWORK

- First year is a great time to network by meeting new people. Start by joining the English and Drama Student Society (EDSS). Follow them @utm.edu. Attend a department pizza lunch and find out about the English Major.
- Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.
- Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Explore your culture and other cultures through weekly/monthly conversations, Language Conversation Circles, debates, and activities to enhance your global and intercultural mindset.
- Engage in programs like the Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS) or learn about and prepare for a future UTM Abroad Experience through the IEC to strengthen and enhance your intercultural skill set, and learn about other cultures while sharing your own.

### BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET

- Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.
- Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options.

### PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE

- Explore the Career Learning Network (CLN) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.
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*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 beyond the classroom. As a student in English you will develop skills valued by employers, including the ability to:

- think critically
- conduct research and digest new information
- communicate clearly
- solve complex problems, creatively
- engage different opinions and viewpoints

Services that support you

- Accessibility Services (AS)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Experiential Education Unit (EEU)
- Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- 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)

Get involved

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

- English and Drama Student Society (EDSS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs.

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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.

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. How did people fall in love in the Renaissance? Find out in ENG301H5.

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.

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