

# English

**Bachelor of Arts (Honours)**

Full-time, 4 years

**Ryerson  
University**

**English**  
Faculty of Arts





# Where inspiration meets impact

## About the Program

Explore the ways that literature animates our experience of diverse identities, cultures and time periods. Engage with **stories, poems, graphic novels, films, blogs and digital content** to develop new perspectives on the **complex relationships between the arts and life**.

Students in the Bachelor of Arts Honors English degree explore literary and cultural works across a variety of media, genres, cultures, and historical periods. Students develop **critical thinking, communication, research** and marketable career skills while engaging in the rich, cultural milieu of one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world.

## Program Highlights

"When I accepted my offer to the English BA program at Ryerson, I did not anticipate the breadth of opportunities that I would find. One such opportunity is that in my final year of study I have been working as a **Research Assistant in the Centre for Digital Humanities**. In my role as R.A. my professor, Dr. Janzen Kooistra, has guided me through a new branch of learning (specifically the digital humanities), which complements my coursework beautifully. I have been able to learn how to **digitize printed works**, write accessible text to accompany digital images, and become comfortable with coding in the HTML language. I am also able to attend the Digital Humanities Summer Institute in Victoria, B.C., this June as a result of my new learning, and with the help of a grant provided by Ryerson. All of these opportunities at Ryerson will benefit me greatly as I head to **law school** in the fall. Working among peers in the BA program, students in the Literatures of Modernity MA program, and with dedicated professors, I have gained invaluable research experiences in my time here."

- **Victoria Maxwell-Turanski**, 4th year English student



# Program Structure

The BA in English consists of **20 English courses** (8 required courses and 12 English electives) and **20 other electives** (Professionally-Related and Liberal Studies) over four years in the program. In the first year, students gain a broad, interdisciplinary base of knowledge, skills, and methodologies while establishing the basis for study in the English discipline by sharing a common first year with other programs in the Faculty of Arts.

Double major options available after first year: **English and History**, or **English and Philosophy**.

Students also have the opportunity to **study abroad** in the Winter Term of their third year.

## Typical First Year

Semester 1 - FALL	Semester 2 - WINTER
Academic Writing and Research - SSH 205	Critical Thinking I - SSH 105
Literatures Across Borders - ENG 110	Introduction to Non-Fiction - ENG 208
In addition to that you must choose <b>6 Electives</b> (3 each semester) for your first year.	

## Co-op Option

The English BA (Honours) program has the option for students to join the Faculty of Arts Co-operative Education program. This competitive opportunity allows students who pass the admission process to complete three mandatory **career-relevant paid employment experiences** in various terms throughout their program for **academic credit**, and an **optional fourth work term**. Students must also complete an academic course prior to their first work term, which will provide a foundational understanding of the **labour market context** while also facilitating the development of **skills related to job searches and successful employment**. Students apply in the summer between first and second year to join the co-op option in their second year of study.

## Careers

Enrich the cultural landscape and advance the art of communication in various forms and industries: writing, editing and publishing; public relations, advertising or media; business, cultural advocacy, government or teaching. Pursue graduate studies in English or in culture, the arts, print and media, library science, gender and global issues or law.

Career Paths include:

- Editor
  - Writer
  - Technical Writer
  - Journalist
  - Publisher
  - Communications Specialist
  - Advertising & Marketing Specialist
  - Public Relations Officer
  - Media Specialist
  - Lawyer
  - Teacher
- and more...

# How to Apply

## Academic Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent with a minimum of six Grade 12 U or M courses including the following program specific requirements.

Typically, a minimum overall average of 70% establishes eligibility for admission consideration; subject to competition individual programs may require higher pre-requisite grades and/or higher overall averages:

- a minimum grade of 70% or higher will be required in Grade 12 U English/Anglais (ENG4U/EAE4U preferred).

English welcomes applications from prospective students of all nationalities and gender identities, regardless of age, disability, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

For more information visit:

**[ryerson.ca/programs/undergraduate/english](https://ryerson.ca/programs/undergraduate/english)**

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*Ryerson English offers a very strong base in reading and writing skills that you can really apply to anything that you choose to follow. ”*

**- Michael Pereira**, English Graduate