

2020-2021 Graduate Calendar

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In March 2020 the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic of the virus leading to COVID-19. The Governments of Canada, the Province of Ontario, and local Governments responded to the pandemic with legislative amendments, controls, orders, by-laws, requests and requirements (collectively, the “Governmental Response”). It is uncertain how long the pandemic, and the related Governmental Response, will continue, and it is unknown whether there may be a resurgence of the virus leading to COVID-19 or any mutation thereof (collectively, the “Virus”) and resulting or supplementary renewed Government Response. Without limiting the foregoing paragraph, the University shall not be liable for costs associated with any failure or delay in performance arising out of:

- a. the continued spread of the Virus;
- b. the continuation of or renewed Governmental Response to control the spread of the Virus; and
- c. a University decision, made on an organization-wide basis and in good faith, to control the spread of the Virus, even if exceeding the then current specific Government Response.

In particular, the COVID-19 pandemic may necessitate a revision of the format of course offerings such that courses are offered in whole or in part on an alternate delivery model to in-person classes. Tuition and mandatory fees have been set regardless of the method of instruction and will not be refunded in the event instruction occurs remotely for any part of the academic year.

Dates or times of performance including the Schedule of Dates may be extended as appropriate and the University will notify students promptly of the existence and nature of such delay and shall, so far as practicable, use reasonable efforts to minimize and mitigate any such delay or non-performance.

In the event of a discrepancy between a print version (downloaded) and the Web version, the Web version will apply,

The University of Guelph reaffirms section 1 of the Ontario Human Rights Code, 1981, which prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, handicap, age, marital status or family status.

The university encourages applications from women, aboriginal peoples, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and members of other under-represented groups.

Introduction

Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information

Personal information is collected under the authority of the University of Guelph Act (1964), and in accordance with Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Statutes/English/90f31_e.htm. This information is used by University officials in order to carry out their authorized academic and administrative responsibilities and also to establish a relationship for alumni and development purposes. Certain personal information is disclosed to external agencies, including the Ontario Universities Application Centre, the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development, and Statistics Canada, for statistical and planning purposes, and is disclosed to other individuals or organizations in accordance with the Office of Registrarial Services Departmental Policy on the Release of Student Information. For details on the use and disclosure of this information call the Office of Registrarial Services at the University at (519) 824-4120 or see <https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/>

Statistics Canada - Notification of Disclosure

For further information, please see Statistics Canada's web site at <http://www.statcan.gc.ca> and Section XIV Statistics Canada.

Address for University Communication

Depending on the nature and timing of the communication, the University may use one of these addresses to communicate with students. Students are, therefore, responsible for checking all of the following on a regular basis:

Email Address

The University issued email address is considered an official means of communication with the student and will be used for correspondence from the University. Students are responsible for monitoring their University-issued email account regularly.

Home Address

Students are responsible for maintaining a current mailing address with the University. Address changes can be made, in writing, through Registrarial Services.

Name Changes

The University of Guelph is committed to the integrity of its student records, therefore, each student is required to provide either on application for admission or on personal data forms required for registration, their complete, legal name. Any requests to change a name, by means of alteration, deletion, substitution or addition, must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation.

Student Confidentiality and Release of Student Information Policy Excerpt

The University undertakes to protect the privacy of each student and the confidentiality of their record. To this end the University shall refuse to disclose personal information to any person other than the individual to whom the information relates where disclosure would constitute an unjustified invasion of the personal privacy of that person or of any other individual. All members of the University community must respect the confidential nature of the student information which they acquire in the course of their work.

Complete policy at <https://www.uoguelph.ca/secretariat/office-services/university-secretariat/university-policies>.

Learning Outcomes

Graduate Degree Learning Outcomes

On May 27, 2013, the University of Guelph Senate approved the following five University-wide Learning Outcomes as the basis from which to guide the development of graduate degree programs, specializations and courses:

1. Critical and Creative Thinking
2. Literacy
3. Global Understanding
4. Communication
5. Professional and Ethical Behaviour

These learning outcomes are also intended to serve as a framework through which our educational expectations are clear to students and the broader public; and to inform the process of outcomes assessment through the quality assurance process (regular reviews) of programs and departments.

An on-line guide to the learning outcomes, links to the associated skills, and detailed rubrics designed to support the development and assessment of additional program and discipline-specific outcomes, are available for reference on the [Learning Outcomes website](#)

Critical and Creative Thinking

Critical and creative thinking is a concept in which one applies logical principles, after much inquiry and analysis, to solve problems with a high degree of innovation, divergent thinking and risk taking. Those mastering this outcome show evidence of integrating knowledge and applying this knowledge across disciplinary boundaries. Depth and breadth of understanding of disciplines is essential to this outcome. At the graduate level, originality in the application of knowledge (master's) and undertaking of research (doctoral) is expected.

In addition, Critical and Creative Thinking includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Independent Inquiry and Analysis; Problem Solving; Creativity; and Depth and Breadth of Understanding.

Literacy

Literacy is the ability to extract information from a variety of resources, assess the quality and validity of the material, and use it to discover new knowledge. The comfort in using quantitative literacy also exists in this definition, as does using technology effectively and developing visual literacy.

In addition, Literacy includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Information Literacy, Quantitative Literacy, Technological Literacy, and Visual Literacy.

Global Understanding

Global understanding encompasses the knowledge of cultural similarities and differences, the context (historical, geographical, political and environmental) from which these arise, and how they are manifest in modern society. Global understanding is exercised as civic engagement, intercultural competence and the ability to understand an academic discipline outside of the domestic context.

In addition, Global Understanding includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Global Understanding, Sense of Historical Development, Civic Knowledge and Engagement, and Intercultural Competence.

Communication

Communication is the ability to interact effectively with a variety of individuals and groups, and convey information successfully in a variety of formats including oral and written communication. Communication also comprises attentiveness and listening, as well as reading comprehension. It includes the ability to communicate and synthesize information, arguments, and analyses accurately and reliably.

In addition, Communication includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Oral Communication, Written Communication, Reading Comprehension, and Integrative Communication.

Professional and Ethical Behaviour

Professional and ethical behaviour requires the ability to accomplish the tasks at hand with proficient skills in teamwork and leadership, while remembering ethical reasoning behind all decisions. The ability for organizational and time management skills is essential in bringing together all aspects of managing self and others. Academic integrity is central to mastery in this outcome. At the graduate level, intellectual independence is needed for professional and academic development and engagement.

In addition, Professional and Ethical Behaviour includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Teamwork, Ethical Reasoning, Leadership, Personal Organization and Time Management, and Intellectual Independence.

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English

The English MA program in the School of English and Theatre Studies is designed to provide students with an intensive introduction to graduate-level work in English studies, within a flexible program. Students can draw on the program's strengths in the following fields:

- Studies in Canadian Literatures
- Colonial, Postcolonial and Diasporic Studies
- Early Modern Studies
- Sexuality and Gender Studies
- Transnational Nineteenth-Century Studies.

Students can also pursue a wide range of research topics in consultation with faculty members actively engaged with the literatures of different historical periods and geographical locations, and with current debates in such areas as critical theory, cultural studies, gender studies, and queer theory.

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Admission Requirements

The normal requirement for admission to the English MA program is the equivalent of an Honours degree in English studies from a recognized institution with at least 78% or higher in the last two years of study. Students with degrees with excellent academic records in other disciplines will also be considered. Successful applicants will be admitted in the Fall Semester, the Program's only entry point. Program offices should be consulted for admission deadlines. If the applicant's first degree was completed in a country where English is not the first language, English-language proficiency must be documented at the time of application.

Program Requirements

Students enrol in one of two study options: 1) course work and major research project, or 2) thesis.

Thesis

Students complete four courses (4 x 0.50 credit); plus a thesis of 20,000 to 25,000 words (80-100 pages).

Course Work and Major Research Project (MRP)

Students complete six courses (6 x 0.50 credit); plus ENGL*6803 Research Project.

Collaborative Specializations

The English program participates in the International Development Studies (IDS) collaborative specialization. Please consult the International Development Studies listing for a detailed description of the collaborative specialization including the special additional requirements for each of the participating departments.

Courses

Note

The content of the courses listed below will vary according to the research interests of the faculty involved in offering the course. Specific course descriptions for a particular offering of the course will be available from the Graduate Program Coordinator one year in advance of the course being offered.

ENGL*6002 Topics in the History of Criticism U [0.50]
This course deals with various aspects of the field of literary criticism, focusing on a specific problem or question each time it is offered. Topics may include the investigation of a specific critical debate - the debate between the Ancients and the Moderns, for instance - or the various ways in which a particular concept - such as didacticism or intentionality - has been treated or is being treated in literary studies. <i>Department(s):</i> School of English and Theatre Studies
ENGL*6003 Problems of Literary Analysis U [0.50]
Variable in content and practical in orientation this course seeks to familiarize the student with particular critical techniques and approaches by applying specific examples of those approaches and methods to particular topics (e.g., cultural studies and renaissance literature, discourse analysis and the Victorian novel, computer-mediated analysis and the theatre of the absurd). <i>Department(s):</i> School of English and Theatre Studies
ENGL*6201 Topics in Canadian Literature U [0.50]
A course to be offered at least once every academic year. This course in Canadian Literature may focus on cross-genre study or on single genres such as poetry, biography, the short story, literary memoir and/or autobiography, and poetic prose. The focus may be on such topics as the literary and general cultural production of a time-period, an age group (such as children's literature), or a specific region (such as Atlantic Canada, the Prairies, or the West Coast), or may bring together texts from two or more categories to allow for a comparative study. Other possible topics include: post-modernism and the creation of an ex-centric Canadian canon; multiculturalism and the transcultural aesthetics of Canadian writing; the construction and reinvention of a national identity and literature; and literary history, influence, reception and critique. <i>Department(s):</i> School of English and Theatre Studies

ENGL*6209 Topics in Colonial, Postcolonial and Diasporic Literature U [0.50]

A course to be offered at least once every academic year. A comparative study of postcolonial literatures in English. Topics may include a focus on a single area, such as India, the Caribbean, Africa, Australia, or New Zealand or may focus on the comparative study of some of these literatures, considering the construction of Third World, diasporic, or settler-invader colonies, or writing and reading practices in colonial, neo-colonial, and postcolonial environments.

Department(s): School of English and Theatre Studies

ENGL*6412 Topics in Medieval/Renaissance Literature U [0.50]

An examination of the literature of Britain in the medieval and/or early modern periods. Topics may focus on a single author, a specific genre, or relationships between the literary and the cultural.

Department(s): School of English and Theatre Studies

ENGL*6421 Topics in 18-Century and Romantic Literature U [0.50]

A examination of the literature of Britain between the 17th century and the latter part of the 18th century. Topics may focus on a single author, a specific genre, or relationships between the literary and the cultural.

Department(s): School of English and Theatre Studies

ENGL*6431 Topics in 19-Century Literature U [0.50]

This course is a study of the literature of Britain, Canada, the United States, or another region from the late 18th century until the start of the First World War. Topics may focus on a single author, a specific genre, or a central critical question.

Department(s): School of English and Theatre Studies

ENGL*6441 Topics in Modern British Literature U [0.50]

A study of the literature of Britain in the twentieth century. This course includes a consideration of the interaction between literature and culture in the period - sometimes through the examination of a specific author, sometimes through the study of a particular genre or issue.

Department(s): School of English and Theatre Studies

ENGL*6451 Topics in American Literature U [0.50]

Topics may include a focus on a single region, such as the American West, on a single time period, such as the Civil War, on a specific genre, such as the novels of frontier women, or other issues in American literary studies.

Department(s): School of English and Theatre Studies

ENGL*6611 Topics in Women's Writing U [0.50]

In the past the course has dealt with Victorian women poets, with the place of women in the literature of the American West, and with other issues of interest to students of women's writing and the broader issues of feminist theory.

Department(s): School of English and Theatre Studies

ENGL*6621 Topics in Children's Literature U [0.50]

Past offerings have involved a focus on a specific author - such as Lucy Maud Montgomery - or on a specific kind of writing for or by children.

Department(s): School of English and Theatre Studies

ENGL*6641 Topics in Scottish Literature U [0.50]

Courses under this rubric are concerned with the various literatures produced by Scots both within and beyond the boundaries of Scotland. The course could involve the study of a specific genre, the investigation of a specific theme, or the examination of a particular author over the course of her/his career.

Department(s): School of English and Theatre Studies

ENGL*6691 Interdisciplinary Studies U [0.50]

Designed to provide the opportunity to explore alternative fields and modes of critical inquiry, this variable-content course will study the relationship between literary study and other forms of intellectual inquiry such as the relationship between literature and sociology, between critical theory and psychology, between literary history and historical fact.

Department(s): School of English and Theatre Studies

ENGL*6801 Reading Course I U [0.50]

An independent study course, the nature and content of which is agreed upon between the individual student and the person offering the course. Subject to the approval of the student's advisory committee and the graduate program committee.

Department(s): School of English and Theatre Studies

ENGL*6802 Reading Course II U [0.50]

An independent study course, the nature and content of which is agreed upon between the individual student and the person offering the course. Subject to the approval of the student's advisory committee and the graduate program committee.

Department(s): School of English and Theatre Studies

ENGL*6803 Research Project U [1.00]

An independent study course, the content of which is agreed upon between the individual student and the person offering the course. Subject to the approval of the student's advisory committee and the Graduate Program Committee. This course is designed to provide the student with the opportunity to conduct an extended research project that, while not as complex or as extensive as a thesis, still provides the student with training in research methodology.

Department(s): School of English and Theatre Studies

ENGL*6811 Special Topics in English U [0.50]

Depending on the research interests of the instructor, courses under this rubric explore topics in the study of literature that do not fall neatly under the rubrics above. In the past the course has dealt with literature and aging, and with issues in the field of popular culture.

Department(s): School of English and Theatre Studies