

APPLICATION TO ENGLISH HONOURS

The English Honours Program accepts applications for second year and for third year. All applicants should submit the following: an application form (on-line or from the English Honours Desk, 604-822-9817); a writing sample from a literature course; a letter of reference; and a short letter explaining your choice of this program and your expectations from it. Applicants registering at UBC for the first time should also provide a transcript of your university or college work to date.

Applications are due in the English Department office by 4pm on APRIL 30th.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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*Books are the plane, and the train, and the road.
They are the destination, and the journey. They
are home. -- Anna Quindlen*



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ENGLISH HONOURS AT UBC



English Honours at UBC, enriching English students for almost 100 years, provides a concentrated and stimulating cohort program for students passionate about reading and writing and eager to be challenged.

Honours creates a community of like-minded students in a program enriched by small dedicated seminars and a one-on-one research project.

ENGLISH HONOURS GRADUATES

English Honours prepares students for higher-level work in the arts, law, journalism, creative corporate work and post-graduate education. English Honours builds breadth and depth, and its blend of rigor and individual attention attracts the brightest students and makes them sharper, more confident, and more analytical. The Honours degree is recognized internationally as a sign that its graduates are intellectually curious, rigorously trained, and up for a challenge.

English Honours students have as a result been very successful both in the academy and beyond. Many win scholarships and rank in the top echelons in the Faculty of Arts. Many receive major graduate scholarships at some of the world's most prestigious universities. UBC English Honours graduates have become eminent poets, playwrights, and novelists and professionals in publishing, media, law, politics, business, and education at every level. They have won the Governor-General's Award; worked for Adbusters; studied law at Cornell; directed the Rare Books Library at Oxford; written for the Vancouver Sun; become professors at research universities.

COMBINING PROGRAMS

You can combine English Honours with Honours, Majors, and Minors in Creative Writing, Theatre & Film, Classics, Sociology, Math, Asian Studies, History, First Nations Studies and more. You can combine English Honours with the Arts Co-op Program as well. You can also choose a combined English Language/Literature Honours option.

SECOND-YEAR ENGLISH HONOURS PROGRAM

Second-year Honours allows you to start your enriched cohort experience early. Students take English 210, a six-credit course providing a survey of the cultural history of English literature, and English 211, a three-credit seminar introducing students to some of the theories used in the study of literature.

THE UPPER-LEVEL ENGLISH HONOURS PROGRAM

Honours allows its participants in their upper-level years to take six more English courses than the major. You also participate in several small seminars and write a graduating essay. The program builds a strong knowledge base of cultural history, theoretical approaches, and literary genres, and it offers you unique opportunities to explore your own passions through independent research.

Honours students take a wide range of upper-level courses:

- A. At least one course from each of medieval, Renaissance and seventeenth-century studies.
- B. At least one course from two of eighteenth-, nineteenth- and twentieth-century studies, including at least one in Canadian Literature.
- C. At least one course in English language or rhetoric.

D. Four senior seminars (491 and 492) on a wide range of theoretical, literary and language topics. Past seminar titles: "Sonnets and Other Trophies"; "Literary Ghosts in Nineteenth-century Fiction"; "Shakespeare in the Wilderness"; "Textual Identities in the Age of Health."

E. The graduating essay, 499, for three or six credits, is usually written in the student's final year. This longer research paper is developed by you in collaboration with a supervising professor of your choice. Graduating essays have explored diaspora and language in Fred Wah's Diamond Grill; Hindi film adaptations of Romeo and Juliet; architecture in The Sandman comic books; ideals of marriage in Noel Coward's plays.

THE COMBINED LANGUAGE & LITERATURE HONOURS PROGRAM

For students fascinated with how our language works, we now offer a combined Language & Literature Honours program. Upper-level students in this stream take:

- A. 4 courses in language and rhetoric
- B. 2 courses in early (pre-eighteenth-century) literatures; 2 courses in later literatures
- C. 2 language seminars; 1 theory seminar; 1 literature seminar
- D. 2-3 upper-level English electives
- E. Graduating Essay

