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North Bay

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English



Program Description

The primary way human beings communicate is through storytelling. Almost every interaction we have involves exchanging and analyzing stories, ideas, impressions and emotions. Given this fact of human culture, we see English Studies as teaching skills essential for life beyond university.

In English, we challenge simplistic or superficial modes of thought—or non-thought—by finding out how texts of all sorts work. We learn from the past by reading classic works of literature, such as novels, plays and poetry. We also engage with the contemporary culture by considering the texts that shape our lives, such as movies, television, web-culture, graphic novels, theatre, and other media forms. Through analytical reading, research and writing practice, we equip the citizens of the future with the skills of discernment, focus, resilience and adaptability that they will need to build their own careers and communities.

In our small and friendly community, it's easy to meet new people and get involved. The English Studies Department organizes student socials several times a year, where you can get to know your professors and other students in a relaxed setting. You can also attend departmental meetings, guest lectures/readings, and the English Studies Symposium. Want to get even more involved? Consider serving as an English Studies student representative, attending the Conspiracy of Three, the off-campus writers group, or volunteering with Shakespeare After School, a theatre program for children.

Our Teaching Approach

The English Studies program prides itself on small classes. Our professors care about the students' learning experience and progress—they're here to help! You won't find any huge, stadium-sized classes here: first-year classes are capped at 40 students each, while upper-year classes are even smaller with fourth year seminars restricted to 15 students each.

We believe that class discussion is key to a great learning experience, so you will have ample opportunity to interact and to discuss what you are learning, in addition to the traditional lecture format.

If you are eager to gain experience beyond the classroom, take part in our annual Undergraduate Research Conference, which gives you the opportunity to present your work to peers, professors, and family members. You may also have an opportunity to work more closely with the Department or an individual professor by holding a paid position as a Departmental Assistant or a Research Assistant.

Program and Faculty

Bachelor of Arts

- Honours Specialization
- Specialization
- Major
- Minor

Delivered with an emphasis on dialogue, our courses reflect faculty research interests and the shape of our discipline by being a mix of tradition and





innovation. In your first year, you can choose from among a number of topics courses such as “Science in Literature,” “Love and Loss,” “Monsters, Madness and Malice,” or “Sport in Literature and Film.” In your upper years, you take courses in British literary history, such as Shakespeare or Victorian literature, as well as choosing from a broader range of subjects such as children’s literature, Canadian and American literature, the graphic novel, postcolonial and indigenous literatures, Harry Potter, fan vids or disaster films.

In fourth year you will choose from specialized Honours Seminars. The course content varies each year according to your professor’s research interests and expertise. These student-led seminars are capped at 15, and give you the opportunity to advance your research, presentation and writing skills. Some past seminars include Cannibalism in the Twentieth Century, C.S. Lewis, Early Modern Cross-dressing, The Lord of the Rings, The Art of Sacrifice, and the Canadian Historical Novel. In addition, you can opt to do an independent Honours Essay or a Creative and Critical Honours Project in consultation with one professor. These will give you research and writing experience on a topic you have chosen and developed yourself.

Where Can I Go From Here?

An English degree opens up a diverse range of career paths by giving you a broad base of key skills. Graduates come away with expertise in written and oral communication, critical thinking, research, and analysis.

With those skills, you may pursue careers in areas like journalism, editing, copywriting, translation, marketing, public relations, public or non-profit administration and civil service. Many students choose to continue on to Master and graduate level studies, library science, public administration, or to professional schools like law and teaching. With such a great foundation, you will have many possibilities in front of you!

Why Nipissing?

You will feel right at home the minute you step onto campus. Becoming a part of our community is just one of the many perks of attending Nipissing. You will also benefit from small class sizes where you will have a name and a voice. Should you need help, you will have access to our supportive professors, even outside of classroom hours.



I’m satisfied with my decision to attend this university (Strongly Agree/Agree)

NIPISSING	98%
Laurier	95%
Carleton	94%
Waterloo	94%
Brock	92%
Lakehead	91%
Ryerson	91%
York	88%

CUSC survey as published in Maclean’s February 2014 (Ontario Universities)



Nipissing is focused on student success. So you will have access to a full range of student services that will help you succeed academically, financially, and personally.

In addition, we have some of the best residences in Canada, with a guaranteed private room for all first-year students coming directly from high school.

We encourage you to come and see for yourself all the great things Nipissing has to offer.

Bachelor of Education: The Schulich School of Education

If you want to earn a Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree, you can choose from the Concurrent route (available with all honours undergraduate programs except Nursing and Social Work), or the Consecutive Program (once you've completed your undergraduate degree).

The Schulich School of Education is one of the best education programs in Ontario. It will prepare you to teach in both traditional and non-traditional environments, and you will gain communication and collaborative skills that can be used in any career.

Our teacher candidates are immersed in an active professional learning environment with support and resources available through our Professional Learning Centre.

Each term a calendar of opportunities is made available, and you will be invited to participate in a series of real-world professional experiences that help you to hone skills, strategies and activities that integrate digital technology resources, enhance school community involvement, develop a personal résumé, portfolio and interview techniques, and much more.

All professional learning opportunities are designed to support and supplement course content by broadening teaching/learning skills and by building your confidence and readiness for the teaching profession.

Come for a visit

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