Bachelor of Arts

English

Storytelling is the primary way human beings communicate. 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; skills that can help you for decades to come.

In our program you will learn from the past by reading classic works of literature, such as novels, plays and poetry. You will 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, you will learn the skills of discernment, focus, resilience and adaptability that you will need to build your 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/reads, and the English Studies Symposium.

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Why Nipissing?
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. Check out our new, flexible, one-credit courses focused on experiential learning.

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.

What does my first year look like?
Your first year schedule may include a variety of electives and a selection of English courses. In these small classes, capped at 40 students, you can study the literature that explores a theme such as love and loss, madness and monsters, friendship, family, photography, and more.

Where Can I Go After Graduation?
An English degree opens up a diverse range of career paths by giving you a broad base of key skills. Graduates of our program have found work in teaching, library science, journalism, technical writing, publishing, student services, and law. Other careers open to you include editing, copywriting, education technology, marketing, public relations, public or non-profit administration and civil service.

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