

Graduate Studies in English

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH at Dalhousie University offers Master's and Doctoral degrees in English literature and culture. We have research clusters of active, prominent scholars in a number of traditional and emerging areas, from Early Modern Studies to Contemporary Popular Culture, from Irish Studies to Medical Humanities, from Medieval Literature to Modernism and Contemporary Canadian Literature. We offer a comprehensive range of small graduate seminars each year.

THE MA: Beginning in September, MA students take six graduate seminars in English as well as Professional Development workshops. The 10,000 to 12,000-word thesis is written between May and August; as one of the few programs in Canada to require a master's thesis, our program gives students experience in scholarly research, project development, and management under time constraints.

THE PhD: Students take six graduate seminars in English as well as Professional Development workshops. Upon successful completion of the Comprehensive Exams in Year 2, candidates are eligible to move forward to the dissertation writing and defence in Years 3 and 4.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Competitive applicants for the MA and PhD programs have a GPA of 3.70 or higher, two letters of reference, official transcripts, the completed online application, and a well-developed statement of interest that includes a bibliography.

GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We offer competitive funding packages which include Teaching Assistantships to successful MA and PhD applicants who hold a GPA of 3.70 or higher on their most recent 20 credits. Additional funding is also available for research and conference travel. Our students have an excellent track record with internal and external scholarships, including SSHRC Graduate Scholarships, Killam Fellowships, and Nova Scotia Graduate Scholarships.

GRADUATE SEMINARS 2021-2022

ENGL 5265—The Politics of Early Modern Women's Writing

ENGL 5331—Constructions of Authorship

ENGL 5562—Telling The Truth in America

ENGL 5635—Representation of the Urban in Canadian Literature

ENGL 5917—Writing Beauty: Scholarly Storytelling Now

ENGL 5XXX—Unconventional Love Stories

ENGL 5XXX—The Literary Animal

ENGL 5XXX—Travelers, Captives and Migrants in Early Modern Drama

OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

- Graduate funding includes scholarships and fellowships as well as teaching and research assistantships.
- Our graduate programs include training in professional skill development and teaching.
- Dalhousie and the Department of English regularly hosts prominent literary figures and scholars. Past guests have included George Elliott Clarke, Anne Carson, Houston Baker, Gayatri Spivak, and more.
- The Department of English upholds research connections with adjunct faculty in other Dalhousie departments and at institutions across Nova Scotia.
- Tuition and fees include a city-wide transit pass, access to the Dalplex Fitness Centre, health and dental services and insurance, the provincial university library network (Novanet), and more.
- The Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students in English (DAGSE) affords opportunities to engage in student governance.
- Among other events, DAGSE hosts an annual graduate conference that attracts participants from across the country and beyond.

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