

## 5 Things to Know

### 1. Why study English at Dalhousie?

Studying literature is about understanding individuals and society through the stories they tell, providing what Kenneth Burke has called “equipment for living.” A degree in English will give you life-long skills that are adaptable across your future endeavours. Dalhousie’s English department is large enough to give students a wide range of course options and small enough that you will get to know your award-winning, internationally known instructors. We offer experiential courses in creative writing, tutoring and editing; opportunities to become involved in the production of literary journals; and skills that will prepare you for a wide variety of employment opportunities or post-graduate study. We offer choice, community, and flexibility.

### 2. What courses are offered?

Texts range from the classic to the contemporary, from handwritten letters, medieval romances, Shakespearian tragedies, morality plays and epic tales to videogames, protest songs, cartoons, detective novels and personal essays.

### 3. What kinds of jobs do people with a degree in English have?

Studies show English majors are far less likely to be underemployed after graduation than those in many non-humanities degrees. Our own graduates are working in **software development, communications, marketing, journalism, education, publishing, and government**. They are **entrepreneurs, entertainers, creative writers** and **administrators**.

### 4. What skills will I gain with a degree in English?

English fosters a wide range of human skills that provide students with the expertise to adapt to the rapidly changing world: it requires you to think critically and to use and analyze language with clarity, judgement, and imagination. Covering material from across periods and nations helps you develop the necessary knowledge and empathy for work across cultural, business, and governmental fields, among others.

### 5. Where to start?

We offer a wide range of entry-level English courses, any two of which will fulfill the writing requirement for BA and BSc students and prepare students for advanced literary study. Information on our courses can be found on our website, [dal.ca/english](http://dal.ca/english).

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