

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Departmental Facilities

The Department of English is located in Watson Hall, with the Departments of Classics, History, and Philosophy. Watson Hall houses the Department's secretarial and faculty offices, the graduate seminar room, and shared offices for graduate students.

Financial Assistance

The Department of English offers financial support to M.A., MPhil, and Ph.D. students in the form of Queen's Graduate Awards and teaching assistantships. Funding for MPhil students is guaranteed for two years. Funding for Ph.D. students is guaranteed for four years. Ph.D. students are also eligible to apply for teaching fellowships in the fourth year of the program.

Areas of Research

The Department offers graduate courses and thesis supervision in Interdisciplinary areas of literary research such as indigenous studies, ecological and animal studies, and gender studies, as well as in the major areas of literary history, including Medieval, Renaissance, Restoration and Eighteenth-Century, Romantic, Victorian, Modern Canadian and American literatures, Postcolonial Studies, and Literary Theory

The Queen's University Library collections are particularly strong in Renaissance and Nineteenth-century English literature and meet the needs of graduate students working in Medieval, Eighteenth-century, and Modern literatures.

Special Collections include an outstanding collection of Dickens, as well as the personal library of Robertson Davies. The Canadiana section, based upon the Edith and Lorne Pierce collection, is one of the most impressive in the country, and the Commonwealth section has grown rapidly in recent years. The Library resources are further augmented by microfilms of books printed in the British Isles and abroad before 1700 (from lists in the Short Title Catalogue and the Wing Supplement), and a 30-volume microfilm copy of the original Stationers' Company records. Queen's Archives has substantial holdings in Canadiana from its beginnings to the contemporary day, including the works of such writers as Carman, Purdy, and Woodcock.

Degree Programs

Applicants to our graduate programs are accepted under the general regulations of the School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs, providing they also satisfy the

requirements of the Department. Successful candidates for admission have normally completed a B.A. (Hons) degree if applying to a Master's program, or BA (Hons) and first-class MA degrees if applying to the Doctoral program, with at least upper second-class standing and with a cumulative average in English courses of at least 80% or A- average.

Students whose native language does not include English will be required to obtain a minimum score of 109 on the TOEFL Internet-based test (TOEFL Ibt), or 7.5 on the IELTS Academic module. For details see the department's website: Graduate, Applying. (<https://www.queensu.ca/english/graduate/applying/>)