



My 8-Month Exchange at Bishop's University (Canada)

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Why I Chose Bishop's

- Small campus (Only 3000 Students)
- English-speaking environment in Quebec
- Beautiful surroundings (close to the American border)



Campus & Student Life

- Most likely to live on campus (7 on campus residence buildings)
- Many activities after classes
- Lots of possibilities to do sports
- Parties on campus every Thursday and Saturday
- Big events such as “Homecoming”, “Halloween”, “Winterfest” or “St. Patrick’s Day”

English

Faculty

Gregory Brophy, B.A. (Trent), B.Ed. (Queen’s), M.A. (Western), Ph.D. (Western); Associate Professor
Shawn Malley, B.A., M.A. (UNB), Ph.D. (UBC); Professor
Patrick McBrine, B.A. (UNB), B.A. (Queen’s), M.A., Ph.D. (Toronto); Associate Professor
Linda Morra, B.A. (Toronto), M.A., Ph.D. (Ottawa); Professor
Jessica Riddell, B.A. (St. Mary’s), M.A., Ph.D. (Queen’s); Professor
Steven Woodward, B.A. (Queen’s), B.A.A. (Toronto Metropolitan University), M.A., Ph.D. (Toronto); Professor, <i>Chair of the Department</i>

Program Overview

Within the liberal education environment of Bishop’s University, the Department of English offers a diverse range of courses and programs to help students develop their critical appreciation of texts of all kinds (literature, film, television, popular culture, etc.), and broaden their understanding of culture and its relationship to the individual, from historical and theoretical perspectives. Students of English develop analytical, research, and communication skills that are well-suited to many careers in today’s information economy. Recent graduates have pursued graduate studies and careers in fields as diverse as videogame design, teaching English, advertising and marketing, filmmaking, law, politics, publishing, television, education, journalism, and business communications.

Foundation Year

The four Foundation Year courses taken by ALL English Majors and Honours students are:

ENG 100, Introduction to English Studies; ENG 102, Approaches to Media Studies; ENG112, English Literary Tradition: The Middle Ages and the Renaissance; and ENG 113, English Literary Tradition: The Eighteenth Century to the Present.

Cognate Courses

Students in the Honours Literature program and the Major Concentration in Literature and Education may count Drama courses in English Literature, CLA 202 “The Classical Influence on Shakespeare” and Education 211 “Introduction to Young Adult Literature” as satisfying English requirements, subject to the approval of the Department. Courses in Classical, French, German, and Spanish literatures, as well as mythology and the Biblical Literature may also be considered as cognates. No more than two cognate courses (6 credits) may be counted as part of these programs.

Double Counting Policy

No more than 2 courses (6 credits) may be double-counted between any English programs.

Faculty Requirements

Majors and Honours students in English must satisfy the Humanities Faculty requirements outlined at the beginning of the Humanities section of this calendar. Students with program combinations which require more than 72 credits are exempt from this requirement.

English Honours

Honours in Literature

(60 credits) HONENL

The Honours in English Literature is designed for students who wish to specialize in the study of English Literature, especially with the goal of continuing to study the subject at the graduate level.

- Students in this program take at least 60 credits, including:
- 1) The Foundation Year courses (12 credits): ENG 100, ENG102, ENG 112, ENG 113
 - 2) The Core Required course (3 credits): ENG 215, “Introduction to North American Literatures”
 - 3) At least 10 courses (30 credits) from the Areas of Specialization. Of these 10 courses, 4 courses (12 credits) must be selected from Group A, 4 courses (twelve credits) from Group B, and 2 courses (six credits) from Group C. At least four of the courses in the Areas of Specialization must be 300- or 400-level seminars. Students are strongly encouraged to take courses from all ten areas, and are required to take at least two of the areas in Group A and at least three of the areas in Group B.

Group A:

Old English and Middle English: 221, 222, 310, 314 (or 216), 315
Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century: 223, 224, 225, 226, 320, 321, 325, DRA 222
Eighteenth Century: 332, 390

Group B:

Romantic: 249, 295, 342, 348
Victorian: 254, 255, 350
Twentieth-Century British: 250, 251, 258, 360
Canadian: 252, 253, 275, 352, 358, 359
American: 256, 257, 260, 261, 353

Group C:

Postcolonial: 123, 228, 358, 375
Critical Theory: 202, 232, 234, 236, 239, 353, 395

- 4) And five elective English courses (15 credits), at least two of which must be at the 200 or 300 level, or ENG 471 and ENG 472 in their stead.

As per Humanities Faculty guidelines, students must attain an average of 70%, calculated on the best 60 credits in the program (including cognates) in order to graduate with an Honours degree.



Academic Experience

- Classes from September until April
- One academic year = 2 Semesters
- You choose between 4-5 classes each semester
- Small classes (30 students)
- Classes are hold two times a week
- More workload but way easier exams -> less work at the end of the semester
- You can transfer credits

Travel & Free Time

- A lot of possibilities for travelling
- Places Close by: Montreal, Toronto, Niagara Falls, New York, Chicago, Boston etc.
- Hiking, Skiing in the Winter
- Join a sports club



Finances

- Going abroad is expensive!
- 10-15k total (8 months)
- 6000-8000€ for housing (my recommendation Paterson Hall -> no need for the meal plan)
- 3800€ for the Meal Plan
- 5000€ for free time and travelling
- Scholarships such as PROMOS help to finance the stay



Advice for Future Students

- Be open to new experiences and say yes often
- Balance academics and exploration
- Don't be afraid to ask for help, everyone's supportive
- Pack warm clothes!! It will be really cold in the winter!





Thank You & Final Thoughts

- Grateful for the friendships & memories I made
- If you have the opportunity to go abroad, take it!!
- You can see more on my YouTube Channel



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