

Creative Writing (HBA)

Specialist

Major

Minor

Department of English

Does your love of literature go beyond scholarship? Are you an aspiring author who wants to add a practical, hands-on component to your education? Then you've come to the right place: UTSC is the only U of T campus where you can earn a Major in Creative Writing. Our dedicated faculty take a workshop-based, experiential approach to the study and practice of the literary arts. They also emphasize diversity in both texts and methods. This means that while you learn how classic and contemporary authors pursue their craft, you also take the exciting first steps towards building your own writing practice.

Our Major program places a particular emphasis on professionalization and how to make your way as a writer in the real world. You will also benefit from working with a new Writer-in-Residence each year, and connecting with our close-knit and active creative writing alumni network.

Complementary Programs: You can combine the Major with a huge range of programs in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Sciences.

Make the most of your time at UTSC!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and suggestions to get you started, although there are many more! As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are listed. In fact, activities such as joining a student club, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study.

Check out future career opportunities and skills acquired from completing this program:

Competencies & Skills

- Produce your own original pieces with confidence
- Gain tools of critique and constructive feedback
- Adjust style, syntax, grammar and vocabulary to rhetorical context
- Identify, examine, and debate strategies and techniques of excellent writers
- Understand and experiment with genre, form, and hybrid modes
- Develop critical thinking
- Engage in creative problem solving

Careers for Graduates

- Author/Writer/Artist in Creative Industries.
- Journalist/Editor/Drama Critic/Film Critic
- Account Manager in Advertising Companies
- Social Media Manager
- Foreign Service Officer in Government
- Public Relations Specialist
- Planner in Think-Tanks
- Technical Writer in Software Developers
- Communications Assistant in School Systems

Further Education

- Creative Writing and other Master of Fine Arts (MFA) Programs
- English
- Journalism
- Education
- Library and Information Science
- Publishing
- Law School
- Public Relations
- Marketing



Connect with Alumni at events on **CLNx** and through **Partners in Leadership**, **10,000 Coffees**, **LinkedIn** and more!

For more information go to:
uoft.me/alumni-services

**NEED HELP CHOOSING
YOUR PROGRAM?**

See uoft.me/choosing

Creative Writing (HBA) Major Program Pathway

HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PATHWAY

Read through each year; investigate what appeals to you here and in other Program Pathways that apply to you. Note that this Pathway is only a suggestion. **For the most up to date information, please check the UTSC Calendar.**

YEAR 1 (0 - 3.5 Credits)

YEAR 2 (4 - 8.5 Credits)

YEAR 3 (9 - 13.5 Credits)

YEAR 4 or FINAL YEAR (14 - 20 Credits)

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WISELY

- Take ENGA03H3.
- You may also be interested in ENGA01H3, ENGA10H3 and/or ENGA11H3 as an introduction to the study of English Literature.
- Explore different courses; this will help with fulfilling breadth requirements.
- Use Degree Explorer to plan your courses and program.
- Submit your portfolio at the end of your first year.

- Take ENGB60H3, ENGB61H3, and ENGB63H3.
- Use Degree Explorer to plan your courses and program.
- Meet with your Program Advisor or Supervisor to strategize for your degree.

- Take ENGC86H3 or ENGC87H3 or ENGC88H3.
- Work on your further 2.0 credits from: ENGB63H3, ENGC04H3, ENGC05H3, ENGC06H3, ENGC24H3, ENGC08H3, ENGC89H3, ENGD22H3, ENGD26Y3, ENGD27Y3, ENGD28Y3.
- Remember your 4.5 credits from anywhere in English.
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track with your degree.

- Take ENGD95H3.
- Ensure you have fulfilled your breadth requirements.
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Register your “Intent to Graduate” on ACORN by the deadline.

DEVELOP YOUR ACADEMIC & RESEARCH SKILLS

- Attend readings by the Writer-in-Residence and other departmental writing events.
- Schedule an appointment with your Program Librarian for in-depth research assistance with your assignments.
- Get writing support through the CTL Writing Centre.

- Participate in UTSC Reads and Bookchat.
- Further develop your general academic skills by attending workshops offered by the Academic Advising & Career Centre (AA&CC) and Centre for Teaching & Learning (CTL).

- Consider submitting your writing to our department's Annual English Undergraduate Conference, which showcases creative and critical work.

- Consider submitting your work to the Sigma Tau Delta International English Conference.
- Apply for an Academic Travel Fund through the DSL to research, present at a conference, or engage with the international academic community.

APPLY THEORY TO PRACTICE

- Attend the UTSC Faculty Mix & Mingle Fair and SELF's Mix & Mingle events to connect with professors and learn more about their specialties
- Start building your Co-Curricular Record (CCR) and search for Experiential Learning opportunities.

- Participate in SELF by volunteering in their events or running for an executive position.
- Get involved in relevant opportunities on and/or off campus (e.g., apply to Work Study, or other part-time and summer jobs on CLNx).

- Meet one-on-one with the Writer-in-Residence to workshop your writing.
- Check the English department website for writing, publishing, and awards opportunities.
- Build on your skills and knowledge through relevant events offered through our department, student groups, the DSL, and the AA&CC.

- Attend the Summer & Full-Time Job Fair in January to meet with potential employers looking to hire students for relevant summer and full-time positions.

BECOME AN ENGAGED CITIZEN (LOCALLY & GLOBALLY)

- Attend the regular meetings of COW, our creative writing club.
- Join the Students of English Literature and Film (SELF).
- Explore other relevant student clubs and activities on campus.
- Volunteer in DSL's Alternative Reading Week (ARW) program to gain experience and knowledge about social change and community development.

- Make sure you don't miss out on the incredible creative writing community and events hosted outside of class!
- Check CLNx to search for Work Study or volunteer positions on campus to gain experience and to get involved.

- Join the Annual English Undergraduate Conference by submitting a paper on this year's decided theme.
- Look into volunteering or working overseas to expand your network through International Student Centre's (ISC) Global Learning programs.

- Participate in the AA&CC's Partners in Leadership program to learn and network with an alumni mentor about transitioning to work or further education.

PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER

- Watch for the English Department's Career Paths Panel, to hear from alumni and faculty about their experiences.
- Volunteer with organizations to expand your interests — you can check listings on CLNx.
- Attend the UTSC Get Experience Fair in September and register with SCSU's Volunteer Network Program to explore opportunities.

- Gain experience by applying for a summer, part-time or Work Study position via CLNx.
- Considering grad school? Speak to professors and advisors early so you are on track.
- Explore careers through the AA&CC's Job Shadowing and In The Field programs.

- Plan a career path with a staff member at the AA&CC.
- Check CLNx for networking events and employer information sessions to attend.
- Attend the Graduate & Professional School Fair in September.

- Connect with the Writer-in-Residence and your professors about a career as a writer.
- Attend the AA&CC's Get Hired job search conference in April/May.
- Attend a Jobs for Grads orientation for a job search “crash course” and for access to full-time job listings.

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SERVICES AT UTSC THAT SUPPORT YOU:

To learn about resources and departments that can support you, download the UTSC Student Experience app or visit uoft.me/StARTNow

Diversity & Inclusion

The University of Toronto Scarborough commits to intentionally foster a welcoming and supportive environment for students, faculty, and staff where diversity is valued, and every member of the community feels a sense of belonging on campus.

utsc.utoronto.ca/edo/

Academic Integrity

The university community supports an environment of academic integrity; these are values that include honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. Learn about the university's academic rules and how to avoid accidental plagiarism by attending an Academic Integrity Matters (AIM) workshop.

academicintegrity.utoronto.ca/

Healthy Campus

UTSC provides supportive environments, resources and services to empower students to maintain their overall physical and mental health and foster their academic success.

uoft.me/healthycampus/

Co-Curricular Record

The co-curricular record is an official institutional document that recognizes your involvement outside the classroom as a significant part of your U of T experience.

clnx.utoronto.ca/ccr

FUTURE STUDENTS

For admission requirements to UTSC, check out the U of T Scarborough Viewbook or contact:

Admissions & Student Recruitment

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Room HL104, Main Floor, Highland Hall
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CURRENT STUDENTS

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Academic Advising & Career Centre

Room AC213 | 416-287-7561

Department of Student Life

Room SL157 | 416-208-4760

Students of English Literature and Film (SELF), www.facebook.com/UTSCSELF

DID YOU KNOW...

The events calendar for the Creative Writing program is one of the most robust and exciting on campus.



Glossary of acronyms:

AA&CC - Academic Advising & Career Centre
ARW - Alternative Reading Week
CLNx - Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network
CCR - Co-Curricular Record
CTL - Centre for Teaching & Learning
DSL - Department of Student Life
ISC - International Student Centre
SELF - Students of English Literature and Film
SCSU - Scarborough Campus Students' Union