ENGLISH

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

An English degree provides some of the most competitive skills employers seek in candidates such as:

- critical thinking;
- flexibility of perspective;
- effective communication; and
- strong reading, comprehension, and writing skills

By exploring written, oral, and visual texts in relation to a diverse range of geographical and cultural contexts, our graduates develop the ability to synthesize and analyze varied viewpoints, and to communicate their ideas both critically and creatively.

Students emerge from our programs in literature, literature and film, and creative writing with the versatile skills needed to succeed in workplaces across industries. Our graduates have pursued careers in fields as varied as law, communications, education, medicine, public policy, journalism, arts and performance, editing, and government.

We are proud to produce some of Canada’s highest-achieving and best prepared students. Our co-op program provides mandated career preparation classes, mock interviews, and more. U of T Scarborough classes are taught by global experts in their field who contribute to our ranking as one of the top 20 schools in the world.

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Account Manager in Advertising Companies
Corporate Blogger in Marketing Departments
Journalist/Editor/Drama Critic in Media
Public Relations Specialist in Non-Profits
Technical Writer in Software Development Organizations
“You can’t develop an application without speaking to members of the team, without speaking to clients to learn what they want from the app, and without critically thinking about how to cater to both requirements. English majors learn how to do these things every day of our program.”

PROFILE: MARQUELA NUNES

Since technology evolves at a rapid pace, today’s employers seek people who can adapt quickly, and communicate effectively. When Marquela Nunes started her work term with the Treasury Board, she used the skills acquired in her English program to adapt to a rather technical role.

“I was originally hired as a project coordinator, but soon ended up doing UX design work, and eventually was assigned as a QA Tester. I had to learn how to adapt quickly to new experiences.”

As her work term progressed, the utility and tangible benefits of an English degree became abundantly clear to Marquela, who noticed what a competitive advantage her academic training was in our evolving economy.

“English majors mostly learn how to communicate, how to conduct research, and how to use critical thinking skills in order to solve problems,” Marquela explains. “The workplace is always changing. It’s better to have someone who can learn how to adapt to anything.”

Marquela found several opportunities to apply her skills to her various roles. Her course work consisted of reading and researching topics in order to build strong arguments. While her job required more verbal than written communication, this training enabled her to gather requirements and collaborate with colleagues.

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CO-OP IN ACTION

“The College of Dental Technologists of Ontario has had the pleasure of participating in UTSC’s Co-op program over the past 4 years. As a health regulator, the students have greatly assisted us in carrying out our mandate to protect the public interest by working on projects that involved governance, communications, policy research and policy development. We highly recommend this program, and want to thank the Co-op office for their tremendous assistance - scheduling interviews and hiring students was efficient and quick every year.”

Judith M. Rigby, CPA, CGA Registrar and CEO College of Dental Technologists of Ontario