



# ENGLISH & CULTURAL STUDIES

Discover Your Story



**Huron**  
AT WESTERN

# DEVELOP ALL YOUR TALENTS

DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE A GOOD IMPRESSION ON PEOPLE? DO YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO PERSUADE THEM TO UNDERSTAND YOUR PERSPECTIVES AND MOTIVATE ACTION?

**BE CRITICAL.  
BE CREATIVE.  
BE PERSUASIVE.**

You need to learn how to articulate your thoughts – regardless of whether you're speaking or writing.

The study of English & Cultural Studies delves into the importance of storytelling to human life. It will enhance your ability to empathize with others' narratives as well as sculpt your own in ways that influence people and promote positive change.

## THE **HURON** ADVANTAGE

**HURON'S ENGLISH & CULTURAL STUDIES COURSES ARE AS DIVERSE AS THEY ARE INTRIGUING AND CHALLENGING. CHOOSE THE TOPICS THAT MOST INTEREST YOU AND PREPARE TO BECOME IMMERSSED IN A WORLD OF INWARD AND OUTWARD REFLECTION THAT WILL STRENGTHEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF HISTORY, CULTURE AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, WHAT MAKES US HUMAN.**

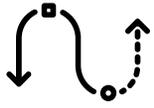
We encourage student-driven projects that incorporate original scholarship ranging from the literary to the performative and from the popular to the historical.

With the robust grounding Huron provides in the mastery of writing, speaking, listening and comprehension, you will be able to see the big picture, be moved by the wisdom of others, influence people and inspire greatness.



*“Before I went into English & Cultural Studies, I thought it would just be about reading books and writing essays. However, the courses offer much more than that. From learning how to tell a convincing story through to developing foundational knowledge about current issues, we are exposed to so many different avenues of learning and have the opportunity to interact with the world creatively and critically. Huron's small class sizes reinforce the value of the program by creating space for meaningful conversations about all aspects of life, so you become extremely well prepared to thrive within a variety of vocations.”*

**EMILY SAUNDERS** | YEAR 3  
Major, English & Cultural Studies  
Alymer, Ontario



## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In English & Cultural Studies, we are committed to experiential learning, which can involve everything from participating in the production of a theatrical performance to creating scholarly websites, doing stand-up comedy, producing creative work or travelling locally or abroad for research purposes. Recent examples include:

- Creative writing workshops with published authors
- Original research on Indigenous cultural texts and the creation of graphic novels, YouTube clips, poems and short stories
- Hands-on printing experience at Huron's Letterpress Studio
- The creation of a digital edition of a scene from Shakespeare's *Hamlet* and *Macbeth*, as well as a live production of that same scene
- Trips to see plays in Stratford and publishers in Toronto

## WHAT DO OUR GRADS DO?

Studying English & Cultural Studies has led our alumni to inspire greatness with their mastery of comprehension, creative and critical thinking and communication. **Their grasp of language, literature and how to motivate others to action through persuasive reasoning and empathy-building have taken them in many directions.**

- Copywriter
- Editor or Editorial assistant
- Teacher
- Journalist (digital or traditional)
- Proofreader
- Content strategist, manager and producer
- Human resources specialist
- Librarian
- Advertising account executive
- Lawyer
- Public relations specialist
- Entrepreneur, Founder & CEO
- Technical writer and/or editor
- Web content manager
- SEO specialist
- Social media manager
- Author
- Corporate communications director
- Philanthropic grant writer

The transferrable problem-solving and communications skills developed during the completion of an English & Cultural Studies degree position our graduates to thrive across every industry, including within businesses where they distinguish themselves as leaders.

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***“English & Cultural Studies is a program that opens many doors and lays a great path for a multitude of career opportunities. Studying English has helped me develop strong writing and communication skills that have been crucial in establishing and growing my business, particularly through a marketing and sales lens. The ability to write persuasively and proactively analyze and find nuances in all kinds of disparate experiences will support your career - regardless of the direction you take!”***

### **MARGARET COONS '12**

Honours Specialization, English & Cultural Studies  
Founder & CEO at Nuts For Cheese  
London, Ontario



## GET INVOLVED!

**Huron Underground Dramatic Society (HUDS)** gives students the opportunity to write plays or sketches, take on dramatic roles, and/or do lighting, scene design, costumes and music for HUDS performances.

**The Literary Society** annually publishes a magazine called *Grubstreet* featuring student work. The society also holds poetry readings, lyric-writing workshops, film screenings and other events.

**Liberated Arts: A Journal of Undergraduate Research** annually publishes an issue of undergraduate student scholarship. English & Cultural Studies students often serve as junior editors.

# FIRST YEAR: UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

**YOUR FIRST YEAR IS ALL ABOUT  
EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY.**

During this time, there are minimal required courses so you can try out a wide variety of subjects and disciplines. Learn about something completely new.

**Find your passion.**

PROGRAM OPTIONS	Honours	Specialization	Major	Minor
	Specialization	Specialization	Major	Minor
English & Cultural Studies	✓	✓	✓	✓
Global Great Books			✓	✓
English for Teachers				✓
Contemporary English Literature				✓
History of the Book				✓

## FIRST-YEAR COURSES

### THE STORYTELLER'S ART I: AN INTRODUCTION TO NARRATIVE

Delve into the rich and diverse traditions of storytelling.

### THE STORYTELLER'S ART II: TOPICS IN NARRATIVE

Explore a particular theme, mode or genre of storytelling.

### LITERATURE AND CULTURAL REPRESENTATIONS

Learn how our world and lives are formed and informed by the stories we tell through the study of classic and current forms of literature.



## NEED A MENTOR? BE A MENTOR.

Senior students and alumni will help you plan your studies and your career. In your senior years, volunteer to mentor another student!

[huronatwestern.ca/career-development](http://huronatwestern.ca/career-development)

## SCHOLAR'S ELECTIVES



**Are you a high-achieving, self-motivated student interested in pursuing independent research?**

Apply to be a part of this community of scholars that fosters research skills and collaboration.

[huronatwestern.ca/scholars-electives-program](http://huronatwestern.ca/scholars-electives-program)

## SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR TIMETABLE

Required courses  Elective courses

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> <b>French 1910</b> University French Level 1 <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>12:30pm – 2:30pm</b> <b>Psychology 1100E</b> Method & Theory in General Psychology <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>11:30am – 1:30pm</b> <b>English 1042E</b> Literature and Cultural Representations <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> <b>French 1910</b> University French Level 1 <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> <b>French 1910</b> University French Level 1 <i>1.00 credit</i>
<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>English 1042E</b> Literature and Cultural Representations <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>3:30pm – 5:30pm</b> <b>Business 1220E</b> Intro to Business <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>2:30pm – 4:30pm</b> <b>Philosophy 1250F</b> Right and Wrong <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>3:30pm – 4:30pm</b> <b>Business 1220E</b> Intro to Business <i>1.00 credit</i>	
<b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> <b>Psychology 1100E</b> Method & Theory in General Psychology Lab <i>1.00 credit</i>	<p><b>As a Huron student, you can combine any program with a minor, major or specialization from another Huron program or a major or minor in many of the programs offered at Western, Brescia or King's, such as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Centre for Global Studies</li> <li>■ History</li> <li>■ Political Science</li> <li>■ Philosophy</li> <li>■ French</li> <li>■ Asia Studies</li> <li>■ Psychology</li> <li>■ Management and Organizational Studies</li> </ul>			
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*"The English & Cultural Studies classroom offers students an engaged space for learning, a place where they can regularly debate the ethics of a novel, poem or film in a highly interactive setting, watch live theatre and participate in a post-performance discussion, explore centuries-old rare books and even build digital archives."*

**DR. SCOTT SCHOFIELD**  
Associate Professor, English & Cultural Studies



## HURON & IVEY

In collaboration with the Ivey School of Business, Huron offers five-year combined degrees, in which students earn both an Honours Business Administration (HBA) degree and an Honours Specialization Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English and Cultural Studies.

[huronatwestern.ca/form-centre/ivey](http://huronatwestern.ca/form-centre/ivey)



**HARVARD  
BUSINESS SCHOOL**

## HURON & HARVARD

As the only university in Ontario that partners with Harvard, Huron students can earn a Credential of Readiness from Harvard's Online Business School.

[huronatwestern.ca/harvard-online](http://huronatwestern.ca/harvard-online)



## FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Huron's faculty are experienced researchers and mentors. Here are some of their areas of expertise:

- Theatre and performance
- Gender Studies and Feminist Research
- History of the Book
- Aesthetics and politics of comedy
- Shakespeare's plays on page, stage, screen and stream
- Constructions of race and identity



## TRAVEL STUDY:

English & Cultural Studies students can participate in a **week-long trip to England** to work with researchers at Bath-Spa University on literature about the legacies of slavery.

*There are also a wide variety of international exchange opportunities for students in this program.*

## AFTER FIRST YEAR, You Can Study:

- Literature since the Digital Turn
- Heroes and Superheroes
- African-American Social Movements
- Women's Literature
- Film and Popular Culture
- Indigenous Literature
- Literary and Cultural Texts
- Popular Culture and Film
- Creative Writing
- Studies in Poetics
- British Literature
- Canadian Literature
- American Literature
- World Literature
- Shakespeare
- Children's Culture and Literature
- Music in Culture

# AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to awards open to students in all disciplines, students of English & Cultural Studies at Huron are eligible for numerous special awards and scholarships, including:

- The Godsoe Family Scholarships of Distinction in English & Cultural Studies and Philosophy
- The Judith McMurrich Memorial Bursary
- The Mary Kathleen Brooks Prize in Poetry
- The First-Year Prize for English & Cultural Studies
- The Jared Prize
- The Modern Studies Prize
- Dr. and Mrs. Rodney Poisson English Prize

## EARN & LEARN

**AT HURON, EVERY STUDENT IS GUARANTEED A PAID INTERNSHIP** and volunteer positions to help you build valuable experience. Recent examples of internships held by students of English & Cultural Studies include:

- Junior Analyst at Guaranteed Removals
- Assistant Librarian

**RECENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDED POSITIONS AT:**

- London Public Library
- Huron Literary Society
- Huron's Students' Council
- Touch Rugby Club
- Sidewalk Talks

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