

ADMISSION TO HONOURS

Normally, you should apply for acceptance into honours upon the completion of twenty (20) courses. To be eligible, you must be registered in the Bachelor of Arts program, and you must be a declared English Major.

As an applicant, you must present a **minimum GPA of at least 3.00** in the last ten (10) courses completed. Students who will have completed twenty (20) courses by the end of the spring semester may be accepted into honours on the condition that they maintain a 3.00 GPA in their spring courses.

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**Acceptance to honours is competitive.
It is not guaranteed.**

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The quality and quantity of applicants will help to determine acceptance.

EARLY APPLICATION PERIOD (01 FEBRUARY-01 MARCH): The success of qualified applicants who have completed thirty (30) courses or more will depend on whether additional students can be accommodated within the final year of the program. For this reason, if you wish to be considered for admission both to honours and to ENGL 5110—Honours Seminar in the upcoming fall, you should submit your application within the first two weeks of the regular application period. Pending receipt of final grades for the winter semester, you may be conditionally admitted into the stream before the close of the regular application period so as to permit expedited entry to ENGL 5110—Honours Seminar.

REGULAR APPLICATION PERIOD (01 MARCH-01 MAY): Submit an application form and unofficial transcripts to the Department of English, Languages, and Cultures via the Honours page on the department website. Final decisions will be rendered by the end of May and communicated to students by the end of June.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

To graduate with a baccalaureate degree, you must complete at least 25% of the graduation requirements—that is, ten (10) three-credit courses—after you have been officially admitted to and registered in the Bachelor of Arts program. You must also have completed at least half of the forty (40) three-credit courses required for the Bachelor of Arts program at Mount Royal University. Once admitted into the honours stream, you do not have to satisfy any additional residency requirements beyond those mentioned above.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why should I do English Honours?

Honours English foregrounds your strengths as a researcher, communicator, and critical thinker. As a result, it offers a competitive advantage for many post-graduate education and employment opportunities. You are advised to apply for admission to Honours English if you are interested in pursuing graduate studies, committed to academic excellence, and excited about the possibility of delving more deeply into language and literature.

How does English Honours differ from the Major?

Instead of doing a minimum of sixteen courses in English, you have to do a minimum of twenty-two courses in English, including ENGL 5110—Honours Seminar which involves completion of an honours project. As an honours student, you also have to demonstrate greater strength in the area of language and linguistics. Finally, honours students are required to maintain a higher academic standard than majors. Consequently, you need a minimum GPA of 3.00 in each of your two final years of study in order to be eligible to continue in and graduate from the program.

When do I apply for admission to English Honours?

Ideally, you should apply for admission to the honours stream between 01 March and 01 May of the academic year in which you have completed half the courses required for the BA with a major in English. In other words, you may apply for admission at the end of your second year at Mount Royal. There is an early application period from 01 February to 01 March for those seeking admission after their third year in the English Major.

Where do I get an application for English Honours?

Visit the website for the Department of English, Languages, and Cultures at Mount Royal University, and navigate to the Honours page. Application forms and a portal to apply should be available there as of mid-February, 2021.

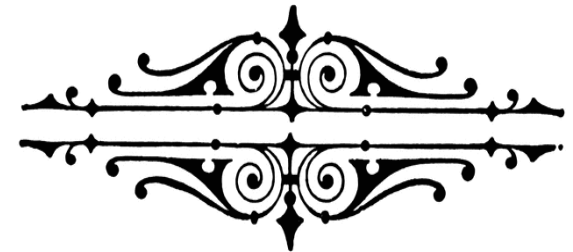
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ENGLISH HONOURS

Academic
Calendar

2021-2022



ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND CONTINUANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR HONOURS

Once in the honours stream, you are obliged to comply with all Mount Royal policies and regulations regarding academic progress and continuance.

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As an honours student, you have to maintain
a semester GPA of 3.00

in each semester of study subsequent to acceptance in the honours stream.

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Your progress as an honours student is subject to review by the Honours Committee for English. Normally, students who fail to maintain an overall GPA of 3.00 in each semester of study will lose their place in the honours stream. Except where the Chair has granted permission, students will not normally be permitted to reapply for honours. A minimum grade of B in ENGL 5110—Honours Seminar is required to graduate from honours.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE FOR MOUNT ROYAL BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES ENGLISH HONOURS

As a student in the Bachelor Arts, English Honours, you must take a total of forty (40) three-credit courses (or equivalent), including ten (10) courses for General Education and a maximum of eight (8) courses for Electives. You must also abide by the following course restrictions:

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| 1. First-year limit | 16 courses maximum |
| 2. Single-discipline limit | 24 courses maximum |

Additionally, you must take a minimum of thirty-two (32) courses delivered by the Faculties of Arts and Science and Technology or designated as General Education.

To be eligible for graduation, you must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the last twenty (20) courses completed.

SPECIFIC GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS BACHELOR OF ARTS—ENGLISH HONOURS

As an honours student, you must meet the general graduation requirements for the Bachelor of Arts with Honours. You must also satisfy the following graduation requirements for Honours English:

1. Twenty-two (22) courses must be taken for Honours English + ten (10) courses taken for General Education + eight (8) courses taken for Electives
 2. One Introductory Literature
 3. Three Literary Foundations, including ENGL 2202, ENGL 2210 and ENGL 2211
 4. One Intermediate Writing
 5. One Indigenous Arts and Cultures
6. Two North American Literature (Canadian or American)
7. Two Global or Transnational Literature
 8. Six 3000-level ENGL, including
 - (a) four courses in Pre-1900 Literature, two of which must focus on Pre-1750 Literature,
 - (b) one course in Theory or in Writing (Theory & Practice)
 9. Three 4000-level ENGL
10. One ENGL 5110—Honours Seminar with a minimum grade of B
11. One Language or Linguistics at any level
12. One ENGL or CRWT at any level
13. Twenty-four (24) ENGL are allowed as a maximum in the program as a whole including General Education or Electives. The Honours Major must include at least eighteen (18) ENGL-prefixed courses.

Category requirements may be met by taking courses at the 1000, 2000, 3000, or 4000-level unless otherwise specified. A limited number of CRWT and FILM courses may be used to fill requirements in the Honours Major.

ENGL 5110—HONOURS SEMINAR

This project-driven seminar involves advanced studies in literature and language. Given various practical opportunities for research, including an independent honours project, you will assess your scholastic experiences to generate an analysis of English studies as a field of inquiry. You will also apply this understanding of English studies to specific texts and disciplinary debates.

In other words, ENGL 5110 answers questions about academia by introducing you to the politics of literary research, publication, funding, and peer review. Exercising your skills as a scholar, you will work under a supervisor to propose and develop an independent research project related to your field of study. One 4000-level English course must be taken as a pre- or co-requisite to ENGL 5110.

Registration in ENGL 5110 is restricted to students who are already in English Honours and who have completed 90 credits. Offered annually in the fall to coincide with the post-degree application cycle, ENGL 5110 encourages you to envision yourself within the profession of scholarship. Accordingly, you should plan to take ENGL 5110 in your final fall semester. Upon registration in ENGL 5110, you should also undertake to complete an Honours Project Agreement. Honours Project Agreements should be filed with the program office (EA3146) by the first Friday in May.

ELIGIBILITY FOR GRADUATION FROM HONOURS

To be eligible to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts, English Honours, you must satisfactorily complete all the general graduation requirements for the BA with Honours as well as all the specific graduation requirements for the BA with Honours. These requirements are defined by your year of admission to the BA program. See the relevant MRU Calendar for more detail.

If, upon completing the honours program, you have not satisfied all requirements for the honours degree but have satisfied all requirements for a BA with a Major in English, you will graduate with a BA with a Major in English.

Once you have graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, English Major, you may not apply to enter English Honours.