

FIRST YEAR

MIDDLE YEARS

FINAL YEAR

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



DEVELOP

a Course Plan and
Build Academic Skills

- Check out the [Academic Support Zone](#) for writing and tutoring support.
- Consider elective courses that interest you and areas you may want to study in the future - find out the prerequisites for those future courses.
- Familiarize yourself with your [myInfo](#) account, self-help, and degree audit tools.
- Read through the [Academic Regulations](#).
- If you need academic accommodations, meet with our [Student Accessibility Services team](#).
- Start thinking about what you want to minor in!
- Consider your options below!
- Discuss course and program options with the Chair or your faculty advisor.
- Review your program requirements on the [Academic Calendar](#).

- Visit the [Student Success Centre Academic Support Zone](#).
- Consider post-degree programs that may require specific courses or academic requirements - start to create a plan.
- Make sure to check your degrees audit at the beginning and end of the year (found on [myInfo](#)). You need to check this anytime you add/drop courses.
- Think about your options, do you want to do a thesis? Speak to faculty in your department and see if they would be willing to be your supervisor!
- Consider working on applied research, such as a thesis project or special topics!
- Begin looking at potential career pathways or graduate programs.
- Think about what you hope to do with your degree, and plan your courses and experiences around it!
- Discuss program options like the Specialization in Writing with the Chair or your faculty advisor.

- Meet with your Chair, faculty advisor, or Student Central to ensure you have completed and are in-progress to completing all necessary degree requirements needed for graduation consideration.
- Submit your Intent to Graduate.
- RSVP for convocation ceremonies.
- Understand application requirements, processes and deadlines for future programs of interest.
- If doing a Thesis or Special Topics, ensure that you are on track to complete on time, and see the program guidelines with regard to Honours theses.

ACADEMIC SKILLS CHECKLIST

- Meet regularly with the Chair of English or your faculty advisor to ensure degree requirements are being met.
- Develop professional contacts with instructors.
- Enhance the value of your degree through the Writing specialization, double degrees, or minors.
- Declare your Intent to Graduate.



CONNECT

and Gain Experience
with the Local and
Global Community

- Register in courses that contain in-class experiential learning opportunities such as case studies and labs.
- Meet the Chair of the English Department and your faculty advisor - get to know them, and let them get to know you.
- [Join](#) the English Students Association!
- Attend English Department social events and presentations by guest speakers.
- Attend the annual English Student Conference.
- Follow the English Department on Facebook and other social media.
- Engage with peers outside of the English department by joining [clubs](#).

- Build different networks with mentors, peers, and employers.
- Develop networks and connect with your academic professors. Visit during office hours even if you don't have a specific question. Inquire about projects or research they are undertaking; show interest and ask questions.
- Consider a [work-study job](#); it's a great opportunity to gain experience, as well as assist in the cost of your education.
- Attend events organized by the Department and the English Students Association. Attend the annual English Student Conference.
- Get involved with the English Students Association and The Artery, the student-run literary magazine.

- Join different networking platforms such as [Lakehead Connect](#).
- Communicate interest in career-related opportunities with your professor.
- Attend fairs and events, such as the Graduation Fair for all graduating students.
- Attend events organized by the Department and the English Students Association.
- Serve on the executive of the English Students Association.
- Contribute to The Artery.
- Present at the annual English Student Conference.
- Apply to present at the university's annual Undergraduate Student Conference as part of Research and Innovation Week.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CHECKLIST

- Consider contributing to The Artery as a writer, editor, or in layout and production.
- Take a writing or experiential learning course for some hands-on experience.
- Join the English Students Association (ESA).
- Attend and participate in the English Student Conference and other social and academic events.
- Join a service club such as Rotary International. These organizations have youth programs and they provide valuable networking and volunteer opportunities.
- Consider joining Toastmasters. It is an organization that allows you to develop public speaking skills: one of the most valuable assets an employee can have.
- Consider [studying abroad](#).



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PREPARE

for Postgraduation or Career

- Visit the [Student Success Centre Career Zone](#) to find out about the career services offered!
- Check out the job bank at mysuccess.lakeheadu.ca to learn about summer jobs and on campus opportunities in your program.
- Meet with a Student Central Professional to discuss financial management, and funding resources.
- Consider applying for OSAP/Provincial Loan funding.
- Discuss bursary and award opportunities with [Student Central](#).
- Volunteer work may also be taken into consideration by admission committees to certain postgraduate programs.

- Start connecting with employers through on campus recruitment events such as career fairs and employer visits.
- Attend the English Department's Career Day.
- Join [Lakehead Connect](#) to make connections with alumni in the industry.
- Consider taking the [Strong Interest Inventory Assessment](#) to learn about career options.
- Develop relationships with faculty. Future references can be important.
- Discuss post-graduate degrees and careers with your faculty advisor.
- Attend the English Department's Career Day.

- Build career readiness skills by attending resume, job search and interview skills workshops in the [Career Zone](#).
- Attend the Career and Job Fair/Career and Summer Job Fairs to network with employers.
- Attend the English Department's Career Day.
- Consider and discuss graduate school options with the English Graduate Coordinator or your faculty advisor.
- Finish strong with your final year – in many cases, grad programs only look at your last year or two of grades.
- Understand the terms and conditions of your provincial funding to understand the repayment requirements.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST

- Research employment opportunities tied to the skills you have developed.
- Apply for job opportunities in your field.
- Create a LinkedIn account.
- Attend Career Zone job readiness workshops.
- Network with employers on campus.
- Keep track of the experience/skills you gain and constantly update your resume. Have your resume reviewed by the Career Zone.
- Gain valuable soft skills and earn certificates through completing [online modules](#).
- Discuss post-graduate degrees and careers with your faculty advisor.
- Consider checking out [Resources and Tools](#) on the Career Zone Website to learn more about professional development (i.e Strong Interest Inventory).
- Understand the terms and conditions of your provincial funding to understand repayment.

▶ What skills do employers want?

- Writing and editing skills
- Oral communication and presentation skills
- Critical thinking and analytical skills
- Research skills
- Understanding of diverse cultural and historical contexts
- Project management and problem-solving skills
- Ability to meet deadlines and complete projects
- Lifelong learning skills
- Team-building and leadership skills

▶ What skills will I gain with this major?

- Writing and editing skills
- Oral communication and presentation skills
- Critical thinking and analytical skills
- Research skills
- Understanding of diverse cultural and historical contexts
- Project management skills
- Ability to meet deadlines and complete projects
- Lifelong learning skills
- Ability to collaborate with others

▶ What double degrees can I do with this major?

- Languages
- History
- Philosophy
- Gender and Women's Studies
- Education

▶ What types of minors can I do?

- Languages
- History
- Philosophy
- Gender and Women's Studies
- Psychology

▶ What could I add to my degree?:

- Specialization in Writing
- Specialization in International Languages
- Writing
- Indigenous Learning
- French Language Certification (Basic –Advanced)

▶ What graduate degrees could I pursue?

- MA in English
- MA in Humanities and Interdisciplinary programs, including Social Justice Studies, Gender Studies, Environmental Humanities, Cultural Studies
- Master's degree in Journalism
- Master's degree in Library and Information Science
- MA in Publishing
- Post-graduate certificate in Communications and Public Relations
- Post-graduate certificate in Publishing
- Law school
- Medical school

▶ What careers can I pursue?*

- Teacher
- Journalism, non-fiction writer
- Publishing
- Technical writer and editor
- Editor/Copy Editor
- Digital and social media content producer
- Marketing, advertising, Communications and Public Relations
- Lawyer
- Researcher, Research Analyst
- Entrepreneur and small business owner

*Your career path is not limited to this list. There could be other options to explore!

▶ What field of work are alumni working in?

- Teaching and administration in public and private schools
- Teaching in universities and colleges
- Communications and public relations
- Journalism and non-fiction writing
- Publishing and editing
- Creative writing
- Management in public and private sector
- Digital and social media content
- Small business owner and entrepreneur
- NGOs and social justice activism

▶ What percentage of graduates are employed within 2 years after graduation?

- 97.2% of graduates!

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE

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