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How to register

- This link to [Enrolment Services](#) provides assistance with all registration questions.

The BA and the Honours BA Program

- The BA basic requirement is an overall C (60%) average in all English courses. For requirements for this degree, please see the following link to [BA English program](#) description page. A student may enter the Honours BA program in English after the first year providing a “B” average is attained in ENGL 1115 and any other 1st year course(s). ENGL 2250, 2251 and 2913 are also required courses for all English Honours students and can be taken in any order. Students in the BA Honours Program must also take 1.5 FCE at the fourth-year level. Click the link for more information on [English Honours Programs](#), scroll to bottom of page.

FCE (Full Course Equivalent)

- A full course equivalent (FCE) refers to either a course that is a full year course (two semesters at 72 hours of class time) or two half year courses (one semester each at 36 hours of class time). Effective fall 2016, all English courses are half credit courses or 0.5 FCE.

English Prerequisites

- A prerequisite is a course that is required prior to taking an advanced course.
- Effective fall 2016, there are three compulsory courses for all English majors: ENGL 1115 – Foundations of Literary Study, ENGL 2250 - History of English Literature I, ENGL 2251 - History of English Literature II, and ENGL 2913 - Introduction to Literary and Cultural Theories.
- ENGL 1115 should be taken in your first year, while the second year courses may be taken in any order, but are highly recommended to be taken prior to upper year courses. ENGL 2913 is a prerequisite for all Honours students and ideally should be taken in the second year before students continue into third and fourth year courses.
- Students considering an English Minor must attain an overall average of 60% in three FCEs in English, including two half-courses at the first year level. One of those half-courses must be English 1115.

Area and Indigenous Content Requirements

- a) Indigenous Content requirement: all Lakehead degrees require at least one 0.5 FCE course containing at least 50% (equivalent to 18 hours) of Indigenous knowledge and/or Aboriginal content.
- Students can complete this requirement by taking such a course from any number of departments; however, the Department of English has several courses that meet this requirement, some of which also fulfill the area 3 requirement for majors (see below). For information on Indigenous Content courses in English, please see the following link to [English course calendar](#)
 - Area Requirements: The Department of English has area and breadth requirements for English majors. Our old curriculum called these Areas A, B, and C; they are now called 1, 2, and 3. For information on courses that fulfill these area requirements and on which requirements pertain to your degree (based on the year in which you began your program), please see [previous calendars](#).
 - In addition, some Special Topics (2010, 3911) courses and 4th year courses (4010 and 4914) may count as Area 1 or Area 3. If you have any questions as to whether a specific course counts, please contact the Chair.

Retaking a Course No Longer Listed in the Calendar

- Students may need to retake old courses for a number of reasons. If you need to retake a course from the old curriculum, you must contact the Department Chair for alternative courses, substitutions or other solutions.

Course Overload

- A course overload is any course taken above a full load of 5.0 FCEs in the fall/winter session or 2.0 FCEs in the spring/summer. In order to take an overload, an English student must have an average over 70% and must get permission from both the Chair of the Department and the Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities.
- Overload registration cannot be completed through MyInfo. Should you wish to apply for an overload you must complete the [Change in Registration Form](#), also available through [Enrolment Services](#). Once completed, bring it to the Chair of English, who will consult with you, check your average, and if the Chair approves the overload, will sign the form. You must then have it signed by the Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities (BB 1072-E).

- If you are unable to bring the form in person, you can get email approval by contacting the Chair of English who can, if appropriate, give you email permission and solicit email permission from the Dean.

People Who can Help

There are a number of people in our Department who can assist you with any problems or concerns you may have:

- First point of contact: Administrative Assistant
- Help with guidance, program assistance, course overload and other concerns: Department Chair
- Help with information about the Graduate program: Graduate Coordinator

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