Creative Writing (HBA)

Department of English

Are you looking to branch out from your chosen field and learn how to write creatively? Whether you love poetry, fiction, memoir, personal essays, literary journalism, screenplays, graphic novels, comics or some wild new combination of genres, our Creative Writing Minor emphasizes diversity of texts and methods and offers you the freedom to discover your unique literary voice. You will work closely with actively publishing and award-winning faculty, and participate in the strong student writing community here at UTSC English.

Beyond the classroom, you can attend regular reading events, work with our Writer-in-Residence, attend weekly meetings of our creative writing club, enter contests, and get published in the arts journal Scarborough Fair.

Complementary Programs: You can combine our Minor with a huge range of programs in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Sciences.

Make the most of your time at UTSC!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we’ve pulled together information and suggestions to get you started, although there are many more! As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are listed. In fact, activities such as joining a student club, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study.

Check out future career opportunities and skills acquired from completing this program:

Competencies & Skills

- Produce your own original pieces with confidence
- Gain tools of critique and constructive feedback
- Adjust style, syntax, grammar and vocabulary to rhetorical context
- Identify, examine, and debate strategies and techniques of excellent writers
- Understand and experiment with genre, form, and hybrid modes
- Develop critical thinking
- Engage in creative problem solving

Careers for Graduates

- Author/Writer/Artist in Creative Industries
- Journalist/Editor/Drama Critic/Film Critic
- Account Manager in Advertising Companies
- Social Media Manager
- Foreign Service Officer in Government
- Public Relations Specialist
- Planner in Think-Tanks
- Technical Writer in Software Developers
- Communications Assistant in School Systems

Further Education

- Creative Writing and other Master of Fine Arts (MFA) Programs
- English
- Journalism
- Education
- Library and Information Science
- Publishing
- Law School
- Public Relations
- Marketing

Connect with Alumni at events on CLNx and through Partners in Leadership, 10,000 Coffees, LinkedIn and more!

For more information go to: uoft.me/alumni-services

NEED HELP CHOOSING YOUR PROGRAM?

See uoft.me/choosing

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Creative Writing (HBA) Minor Program Pathway

**YEAR 1 (0 - 3.5 Credits)**
- Attend readings by the Writer-in-Residence and other departmental writing events.
- Schedule an appointment with your Program Librarian for in-depth research assistance with your assignments.
- Attend readings by the Writer-in-Residence and other departmental writing events.
- Start building your Co-Curricular Record (CCR) and search for Experiential Learning opportunities.
- Attend the regular meetings of CDW, our creative writing club.
- Join the Students of English Literature and Film (SELF).
- Attend the UTSC Faculty Mix & Mingle Fair or SELF's Fall Mix & Mingle to connect with professors and learn more about their specialties.
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- Meet with your Program Advisor or Supervisor to strategize for your degree.

**YEAR 2 (4 - 8.5 Credits)**
- Consider submitting your work to the Sigma Tau Delta International English Conference.
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- Submit your portfolio at the end of your first year.
- Use Degree Explorer to plan your courses and program.
- Attend the UTSC Get Experience Fair in September and register with SCSU's Volunteer Program.
- Volunteer with organizations to expand your network and knowledge about social change and community development.
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- Consider taking ENGDS9H3 to focus on writing as a profession.
- Ensure you have fulfilled your breadth requirements.
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track to graduate.

**YEAR 3 (9 - 13.5 Credits)**
- Consider taking ENGDS9H3 to focus on writing as a profession.
- Ensure you have fulfilled your breadth requirements.
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Register your "Intent to Graduate" on ACORN by the deadline.
- Plan a career path with a staff member at the AA&CC.
- Connect with the Writer-in-Residence and your professors about a career involving writing.
- Attend the AA&CC's Get Hired job search conference in April/May.
- Attend a Jobs for Grads orientation for a job search “crash course” and for access to full-time job listings.

**YEAR 4 or FINAL YEAR (14 - 20 Credits)**
- Apply for an Academic Travel Fund through Department of Student Life (DSL) to research, present at a conference, or engage with the international academic community.
- Attend the Summer & Full-Time Job Fair in January to meet with potential employers looking to hire students for relevant summer and full-time positions.
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- Participate in the AA&CC's Partners in Leadership program to learn and network with an alumni mentor about transitioning to work or further education.
- Attend the UTSC Faculty Mix & Mingle Fair in September.
- Volunteer in DSL's Alternative Reading Week (ARW) program to gain experience and knowledge about social change and community development.
- Obtain a Career Pathways Assessment to determine your strengths and interests.
- Join the Annual English Undergraduate Conference by submitting a paper on this year’s decided theme.
- Look into volunteering or working overseas to expand your network through International Student Centre's Global Learning programs.

For the most up to date information, please check the UTSC Calendar.
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SERVICES AT UTSC THAT SUPPORT YOU:
To learn about resources and departments that can support you, download the UTSC Student Experience app or visit uoft.me/StARTNow

Diversity & Inclusion
The University of Toronto Scarborough commits to intentionally foster a welcoming and supportive environment for students, faculty, and staff where diversity is valued, and every member of the community feels a sense of belonging on campus.

Academic Integrity
The university community supports an environment of academic integrity; these are values that include honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. Learn about the university's academic rules and how to avoid accidental plagiarism by attending an Academic Integrity Matters (AIM) workshop.

Healthy Campus
UTSC provides supportive environments, resources and services to empower students to maintain their overall physical and mental health and foster their academic success.

Co-Curricular Record
The co-curricular record is an official institutional document that recognizes your involvement outside the classroom as a significant part of your U of T experience.

DID YOU KNOW...
Our teaching faculty in Creative Writing are all active and award winning writers themselves.

FUTURE STUDENTS
For admission requirements to UTSC, check out the U of T Scarborough Viewbook or contact:

Admissions & Student Recruitment
University of Toronto Scarborough
Room HL104, Main Floor, Highland Hall
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admissions@utsc.utoronto.ca

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Academic Advising & Career Centre
Room AC213 | 416-287-7561

Department of Student Life
Room SL157 | 416-208-4760

Students of English Literature and Film (SELF), www.facebook.com/UTSCSELF

Glossary of acronyms:
AA&CC - Academic Advising & Career Centre
ARW - Alternative Reading Week
CLNx - Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network
CCR - Co-Curricular Record
CTL - Centre for Teaching & Learning
DSL - Department of Student Life
ISC - International Student Centre
SELF - Students of English Literature and Film
SCSU - Scarborough Campus Students’ Union

DISCLAIMER: Please refer to the calendar for the most current and accurate information on programs and degrees: utsc.calendar.utoronto.ca