

# BA, International Honours

## Guide for the English Major



### COLL 150

Your COLL 150 *does not need* to be in English. In fact, it can be advantageous to choose a COLL 150 outside the major so that it can also meet a Knowledge Objective.

### Sub-Honours (lower-level) English courses

Other than the required lower-level English courses at W&M and St Andrews, you do not need to take any other English courses during your first and second years. Concentrate on taking courses outside of English to fulfill your Proficiencies and Knowledge Objectives, and to broaden your horizons.

At W&M, you may take CRWR 212 (Introduction to Creative Writing) or an extra 200-level English course such as ENGL 205 (Introduction to Shakespeare). At St Andrews, you may take additional English courses such as CO 1001 (Adultery in the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Novel) or CO 2002 (Journeys).

However, though these extra English courses will count towards the total credits needed for graduation, they will not count towards the 61 total English credits that you need for the BA (Int Hons) English degree.

Avoid taking upper-level English courses during the sub-Honours years as they will not count towards the 45 upper-level English credits needed for the BA (Int Hons) English degree.

### Honours (upper-level) English courses

The upper-level requirements do not have to be taken in any particular order.

A single course can be used to satisfy no more than two of the upper-level requirements for the major: for example, ENGL 417B satisfies both the American Literature requirement and the Constructions of Race requirement.

Certain 300-level W&M courses count as 400(0)-level for the purposes of the degree: ask your advisor. At W&M, any of the 300-level and 400-level courses can be taken in year 3 or year 4.

Upper-level creative writing courses (CRWR at W&M) can count towards English major electives.

Not all upper-level courses in the catalog are offered every year.

### **Fourth Year Research Requirement**

#### *At St Andrews*

All English majors spending Year 4 at St Andrews must do a dissertation: EN 4399, either in fall or spring.

#### *At W&M*

English majors spending Year 4 at W&M can take ENGL 475 (Research Seminar—4 credits) (different topics are offered in fall and spring, varying from year to year) *or* apply to do an Honors Thesis (ENGL 495 and 496, 6 credits total plus the 1-credit Honors proposal workshop ENGL 494). Either option satisfies the Fourth Year Research Requirement.

The English Honors Thesis program (not to be confused with honours!) at W&M is selective. Application deadlines start in fall of year 3. The English Department [website](#) has plenty of information about Honors (under Undergraduate Program), which applies to regular and BA (Int Hons)/JDP students alike. Admitted students take the 1-credit Honors proposal workshop in late fall of year 3 – online for those spending year 3 at St Andrews. The W&M English Department's Director of Honors helps match students with potential advisors.

BA (Int Hons) English majors can apply instead to do an Honors thesis in Creative Writing, if they have taken 9 credits of CRWR courses. The application process for Creative Writing Honors is somewhat different: consult the Director of Creative Writing during fall of year 3. Again, the Honors program is selective; admission to the Honors program to complete an Honors Thesis is not guaranteed.