

ENGLISH - CULTURAL STUDIES JOINT HONOURS COMPONENT (B.A.) (36 CREDITS)

Offered by: English (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Arts and Science

Program credit weight: 36

Program Description

Students who wish to study at the Honours level in two Arts disciplines may apply to combine Joint Honours program components from two Arts disciplines. For a list of available Joint Honours programs, see "Overview of Programs Offered" and "Joint Honours Programs". Applications to do a Joint Honours program in English and another subject in the Faculty of Arts should be submitted once a minimum of 9 credits, and no more than 18 credits, have been completed in English. There are normally two possible application dates for Joint Honours in English: either by the end of January (by which time first-term courses are completed and the grades are available), or at the same time as the Honours application date, typically in mid-April. (Only students who will have completed more than 18 credits in English by the end of January may apply in the Fall.) Applications will be considered by the Department's Honours Committee on the basis of the student's program GPA, at a minimum of 3.50. The application form is available in the Department's General Office (Arts 155), and the specific submission requirements are described by that form.

The maintenance of a 3.50 program GPA is required for continuation in Joint Honours. Graduation with Joint Honours requires a minimum CGPA of 3.00, a minimum program GPA of 3.50, and a minimum mark of B+ on the Honours Essay. Graduation with First Class Joint Honours in English requires a minimum CGPA of 3.50, a minimum program GPA of 3.70, and a minimum mark of A on the Honours Essay.

Each academic year, there is a special adviser for Joint Honours students, and the receptionist in the General Office can provide their name and contact information. The Department's website <http://www.mcgill.ca/english/> provides additional information on the Joint Honours program and applications, and this website should also be consulted prior to contacting the Adviser.

Degree Requirements — B.A. students

To be eligible for a B.A. degree, a student must fulfil all Faculty and program requirements as indicated in Degree Requirements for the Faculty of Arts.

We recommend that students consult an Arts OASIS advisor for degree planning.

Degree Requirements — B.A. & Sc. students

This program is offered as part of a Bachelor of Arts & Science (B.A. & Sc.) degree.

To graduate, students must satisfy both their program requirements and their degree requirements.

- The program requirements (i.e., the specific courses that make up this program) are listed under the Course Tab (above).
- The degree requirements—including the mandatory Foundation program, appropriate degree structure, and any additional components—are outlined on the Degree Requirements page.

Students are responsible for ensuring that this program fits within the overall structure of their degree and that all degree requirements are met. Consult the Degree Planning Guide on the SOUSA website for additional guidance.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please refer to Visual Schedule Builder. A technical issue is causing the "Terms offered" field to incorrectly report "this course is not currently offered" for many courses in the Course Catalogue.

Required Courses (9 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 275	Introduction to Cultural Studies.	3
ENGL 277	Introduction to Film Studies.	3
ENGL 359	The Poetics of the Image.	3

Complementary Courses (27 credits)

27 credits selected as described below.

In addition to the 6-credit requirement for Advanced Study described below, all Joint Honours students' programs of study shall include 6 credits of study at the 400 level or above. Students are encouraged to take courses at the 300 level and above. In addition to the Advanced Study requirement, 3 of the remaining 21 Complementary Course credits must be completed at the 500 level. A maximum of 9 of the 27 credits are allowed at the 200 level, none in the final year of the program.

Note on Topics Courses: The Department of English offers courses which change topic from academic year to academic year. Depending on the topic in a specific year, these courses may count toward different program requirements. At the time they register for a topics course, students should confirm with their program adviser the program requirement it fulfils for that academic year.

Advanced Study

6 credits of advanced study, in one of the following two forms A or B, in order of preference:

A) 6 credits of honours essay:

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Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 491D1	Honours Essay.	3
ENGL 491D2	Honours Essay.	3

B) Two 3-credit 500-level courses selected in consultation with the student's adviser(s).

(In very rare cases, a third alternative may be approved at the discretion of the Joint Honours Adviser, but only when it is formally recommended for the joint subject according to the description of that Joint Honours

program found in the Arts section of the Course Catalogue. For example, Joint Honours with Anthropology allows the option of combining 3 credits of essay work with 3 credits in the joint subject to create a joint essay.)

Major Figures

3 credits from a list of courses on Major Figures in Cultural Studies:

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Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 315	Shakespeare.	3
ENGL 381	A Film-Maker 1.	3
ENGL 409	Studies in a Canadian Author.	3
ENGL 416	Studies in Shakespeare.	3
ENGL 417	A Major English Poet.	3
ENGL 418	A Major Modernist Writer.	3
ENGL 444	Studies in Women Authors.	3
ENGL 481	A Film-Maker 2.	3
ENGL 516	Shakespeare.	3

Theory

3 credits from a list of courses on Theory:

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Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 317	Theory of English Studies 1.	3
ENGL 318	Theory of English Studies 2.	3
ENGL 319	Theory of English Studies 3.	3
ENGL 322	Theories of the Text.	3
ENGL 346	Materiality and Sociology of Text.	3
ENGL 352	Theories of Difference.	3

Historical Dimension

3 credits from a list of courses in Cultural Studies with an historical dimension:

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Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 350	Studies in the History of Film 1.	3
ENGL 351	Studies in the History of Film 2.	3
ENGL 363	Studies in the History of Film 3.	3
ENGL 374	Film Movement or Period.	3
ENGL 444	Studies in Women Authors.	3
ENGL 451	A Period in Cinema.	3
ENGL 480	Studies in History of Film 1.	3

400-Level Theory

3 credits from a list of 400-level courses in Cultural Studies with a theoretical component:

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Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 444	Studies in Women Authors.	3
ENGL 454	Topics in Cultural Studies and Gender.	3
ENGL 479	Philosophy of Film.	3
ENGL 484	Seminar in the Film.	3
ENGL 489	Culture and Critical Theory 1.	3
ENGL 490	Culture and Critical Theory 2.	3
ENGL 492	Image and Text.	3

Departmental Offerings

9 additional credits of English (ENGL) courses, preferably courses at the 300 level or above.