

MA in English

Call for Applications

Interested in graduate studies? Carleton's versatile one-year MA in English in Ottawa, Ontario enables students to study literature and textuality across a variety of national and transnational contexts, historical periods, and genres. Its friendly, knowledgeable, and award-winning faculty have research interests ranging from Old English to Postcolonial literatures to Popular Culture and the Digital Humanities. They also have strong thematic and methodological interests in questions of identity, political discourse, cultural theory, literary sociology, and interdisciplinarity.

Each year, the department offers an exciting slate of graduate seminars that bring literary periods, authors, theorists, genres, and national traditions into conversation with current debates and salient concerns. It routinely offers graduate seminars on topics like: diaspora and postcolonialism; literature and medicine; the human and the non-human; histories of reading and authorship; graphic narrative and comic studies; power and empire; gender, sex, and sexuality; biopolitics and race; modernity and neoliberalism; rhetoric and ethics; counterculture and transgression; intertextuality and remediation; environment and ecocriticism; science fiction and utopia; gerontology; temporality; human rights; print culture and book history. The program's core course (ENGL 5005), taken during the first term of study, offers incoming students guidance on writing successful grant applications, teaching and grading, research and writing, career planning, and other practical matters pertaining to graduate school. A detailed description of the graduate course offerings for 2017-18 will be posted soon: http://carleton.ca/english/graduate-programs/graduate-courses/.

When designing their path through the MA, students have three options: (1) coursework only, (2) coursework and MA Research Paper, or (3) coursework and MA Thesis. Each of these program streams is designed to be completed within one year of study. One-year Collaborative MAs in English and Digital Humanities and English and African Studies are also available. Many of our top MA graduates go on to apply to our innovative PhD Program in The Production of Literature.

Financial support for full-time students accepted into the MA is guaranteed in the form of a Graduate Teaching Assistantship and a Departmental Scholarship. Some students may also have the opportunity to work as Research Assistants for specific faculty members. All of our students receive area-targeted faculty memtorship when applying for external sources of funding and to graduate programs beyond the MA.

Students accepted into the MA program enjoy a lively and collegial departmental life both inside and outside the classroom. The department hosts a range of activities, events, and services: an annual MA Colloquium for the presentation of MA research; mentorship and training for Teaching Assistants; conferences, colloquia, and lectures by visiting speakers; a variety of reading and research groups, including our long-running and popular grad student theory reading group, BABEL; a monthly coffee and doughnuts for faculty and grad students; the "Oscar Wildecats" softball team.

If you would like to learn more about the MA program in English at Carleton, it would be a pleasure to talk with you. Please visit our website at http://carleton.ca/english/graduate-programs/ for more information or get in touch with Professor Julie Murray, Graduate Supervisor: julie.murray@carleton.ca

The deadline for applications eligible for funding is **February 1, 2017**.