

English Honours Program—ENGL 504 Seminar

ENGL 504 REQUIREMENTS

The student writes an essay on a topic of their choice, as approved by a faculty supervisor and the Associate Head (Undergraduate) of the English Department.

The student participates in the English 504 Seminar, which meets regularly during the academic year. The project will require the same amount of reading and work as any other senior full-course equivalent but will demand much more self-direction.

NOTE: IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND A SUPERVISOR AND MEET THE PROPOSAL DEADLINES, STARTING IN THE WINTER TERM PREVIOUS TO REGISTRATION IN ENGL504.

The Associate Head (Undergraduate) is available for consultation in this process by email at englupd@ucalgary.ca

Students must schedule their Honours Project in a twelve-month period that includes a complete academic year (i.e., directed summer reading, and then the seminar from September to April).

Summer research and early drafting are essential: by the end of September, each student must have written at least ten pages of text to share with the 504 Seminar group.

ENGL 504 SEMINAR

Students enrolled in English 504 will participate in a regular seminar, led by a faculty member. The seminar will be conducted as a workshop based on students' individual research and writing and to develop specific research, writing and professional skills. The goal of the seminar is to support the planning and writing of a long research project.

Grades in English 504:

Sixty percent of the final grade will be assigned by the student's supervisor and will reflect the quality of the final version of the essay. Forty percent will be assigned by the seminar leader and will reflect the process of research, writing, and seminar interaction.

Please contact:
englupd@ucalgary.ca for consultation if you have difficulty finding a supervisor for your Honours research project.

ENGL 504 HONOURS PROJECT

The Honours Project forms a culminating part of the Honours program in English. Students conceive and execute a research project, working closely with a faculty advisor. It allows you to synthesize research skills and develop subject-matter expertise while pursuing an individual interest.

The seminar component of the project provides guidance advanced research and writing skills. This makes the Honours Project excellent preparation for graduate work, or other self-directed research and writing activity.

Through the Honours Project, undergraduate students take an important step towards entering the larger community of scholars.

The project itself will be about forty or fifty double-spaced, typed pages and should follow the most recent edition of the MLA handbook.

It may examine any aspect of one author's work, of a literary form, or of a period, providing that topic and critical approach is sufficiently precise to be handled in about forty pages. (Occasionally, with the approval of a qualified supervisor, experienced creative writers may substitute a creative writing project for an essay.)

HOW TO APPLY (3 steps)

Students must first apply for admission to Honours to the Faculty of Arts by February 1. You do this through the onlineMyUofC Student Centre.

1. Find a suitable and willing faculty supervisor from the Department of English for your project by end of Winter term. (Students may wish to begin this step as early as the preceding Fall term, since a prospective supervisor may be on sabbatical in the coming year, or be unavailable for various reasons.)
2. With your supervisor, develop an initial topic proposal & summer reading list. Submit these along with application form (signed by supervisor) by May (See application form for details).
3. The supervisor's signature constitutes acceptance of the student's proposed topic and an agreement to supervise the thesis. Students cannot register in English 504 before they have been notified by the department that they have been accepted into the seminar.

Application for ENGL 504: Honours Seminar

Please attach your proposal to this application form and submit both to the
Department of English email: engl@ucalgary.ca by **May 30**

Name: _____

Student ID# _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Have you applied to the Honours programme through the Faculty of Arts?

Yes _____ No _____

Have you been accepted into Honours? _____

Supervisor:

Supervisor's signature (this signature indicates agreement to supervise the Honours project and approval of the initial proposal):

*A copy of your proposal will be forwarded to the seminar leader for next year. You will be informed by e-mail of your acceptance into the seminar early in the summer and will be registered in the Honours seminar by the department by **August**.*

If you have not applied to the Honours program, be sure to do so by contacting the Arts Students' Centre in SS 102, or ascarts@ucalgary.ca