

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO HONOURS PROGRAM

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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SUMMER ADDRESS, TELEPHONE (*if different*)

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Expected date of graduation: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Option: Literature \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural Studies \_\_\_\_\_ Drama/Theatre \_\_\_\_\_

CGPA at end of last semester \_\_\_\_\_

GPA in English courses only at end of last semester \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach to this form** (a) a brief statement (max. 250 words) of your likely area of inquiry for the Honours Essay, (b) a short sample (6-8 pp.) of your academic writing and (c) a sample audit sheet showing how the courses you have taken so far would fit into the honours programme.

**To be considered, this application must be signed by a professor** in the Department of English, who thus agrees in advance to supervise your Honours Essay (should you be admitted to Honours). After he or she agrees to work with you, ask the professor to sign the relevant statement on the reverse of this form.

**Your research statement is not binding, but** if your topic changes significantly you may have to seek a new supervisor for your Honours Essay.

(continued on reverse)

For students applying at the end of U1

I agree to supervise the above-named student's Honours Essay in the academic year after next. Because the student's proposal is not binding, he/she agrees to confirm this arrangement with me by March 15th of his/her U2 year and recognizes that I may ask him/her to seek alternate supervision if the research idea has changed significantly. Upon confirmation of the arrangement he/she agrees to read the "Guidelines for Honours Essay Proposals" in the Departmental Office, and to attend the information session in early October of his/her U3 year concerning preparation of an effective Honours Essay proposal.

Professor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Professor's name printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

For students applying at the end of U2

I agree to supervise the above-named student's Honours Essay next year. The student agrees to read the "Guidelines for Honours Essay Proposals" in the Departmental Office and to attend the information session in early October of this year concerning preparation of an effective Honours Essay proposal.

Professor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Professor's name printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Programs Calendar 2008-2009, Section 5.12.17, ([www.mcgill.ca/courses](http://www.mcgill.ca/courses))

#### HONOURS PROGRAMS IN ENGLISH (54 credits)

Entry to Honours is by application, normally after two terms in a Departmental program, including at least 18 credits of English. Students intending to apply for Honours or already accepted should consult an Honours adviser regarding their course selections throughout their program. The Faculty of Arts requires that all students admitted to Honours programs complete a second-program Minor in addition to their Honours program.

Admission to the Honours program is limited to a small number of students with excellent records. The minimum CGPA for application to the Honours program is 3.30; students meeting the 3.50 minimum in English Department courses alone (although not in CGPA) may also apply and make a case for their acceptance. In neither instance is admission guaranteed. After admission into the Honours program, the student is required to maintain a CGPA at a level set by the Faculty for graduation with Honours and a program GPA at the level set by the Department. (See requirements for graduation with Honours listed below.)

The Honours program in English requires 60 credits. Students intending to apply for Honours should plan to complete as many of the specific requirements of their option as possible within the first two years. With the written approval of an adviser, up to nine credits may be taken outside the department. All Honours students must complete at least 6 of their complementary credits at the 500 level. Ideally, 500-level seminars chosen will be relevant to the area of the student's independent study in the Honours Essay course (ENGL 491D1/ENGL 491D2), taken without exception in the final year of the program. The Honours Essay is first planned in consultation with a supervisor at the time of application to the Honours program; it is then guided and evaluated by that supervisor during the completion of ENGL 491. Graduation with Honours requires 60 credits of English, a minimum mark of B+ on the Honours Essay, a minimum CGPA of 3.00, and a minimum program GPA of 3.50. Graduation with First Class Honours requires a mark of A on the Honours Essay, a minimum CGPA of 3.50, and a minimum program GPA of 3.70.