

25 Things Every English Student Should Know

Attend all lectures and try to meet your peers. For missed lectures, get notes from a fellow student. Professors do not provide class notes and never give private lectures.

Read required materials as soon as possible, and steadily, throughout the term, rather than waiting until a test, midterm, or essay is due.

Analyze literary works by rereading and rethinking.

Ask questions in your classes.

Locate the English department office (CHN 2106). Our administrative staff members are kind and helpful.

Locate the English undergrad lounge (CHN 2135), hang out there, and make friends.

Attend departmental events (free food), and start conversations: socialize and make friends.

Attend departmental visiting-author readings with (or make) friends.

Enter into your personal calendar all key dates for each semester from the academic calendar.

Record Reading Week(s) dates and note your exam schedule in your personal calendar.

Buy your books for the semester or ascertain whether they are on reserve in the library.

Make sure you understand the syllabus, and check Brightspace and your email frequently.

Notice the difference between books shelved in the library under PR (English Literature), PS (North American Literature; 8001-8599 designates CanLit), and PN (General Literature).

Cite sources by following MLA style in your essays. Check out the Writing Support Desk at the Leddy Library for more assistance.

Visit professors during their office hours; don't hesitate to drop by even to ask one question.

Sign up for the English Undergraduate Students Association (EUSA) and attend its events.

Explore the Student Support Services webpage: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/156/lots-student-support-services>

Get to know the Student Accessibility Services: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/studentaccessibility/>

Volunteer at BookFest to gain access to free readings, get to know new people, and to meet published authors.

Attend the "UWill Discover" Undergraduate Research conference at the end of March. <https://www.uwindsor.ca/uwilldiscover/>

Make sure you use and check your UWindsor email account every day.

Speak to the secretary to arrange a meeting with our Writer-in-Residence and find out more about the writing / publishing process.

Meet with your assigned English Department undergraduate advisor.

See a play produced by University Players; listen to music performed at the School of Creative Arts; and go to public lectures sponsored by the Humanities Research Group.

NOTE the Voluntary Withdrawal (VW) and other important academic dates on the Registrar site: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/registrar/events-listing>