

Department of English Language and Literature and the Department of History

MINOR IN BRITISH STUDIES

A Minor in British Studies, jointly offered by the departments in English and History, provides students with an opportunity to specialize in the literature and history of Britain. This dedicated minor brings together courses covering a wide array of literature and history from the Act of Union in 1707 to the present. The minor covers topics such as nationalism, imperialism, law, popular culture, and the black British experience, as well as the genres of poetry, fiction, film, and drama. The Minor in British Studies offers students a range of sources relevant to the study of both British history and literature.

ENGL Courses offered in 2025-2026

- ENGL 2321.1: Writing by Women II
- ENGL 3416.0: The Romantic Movement (full-year course)
- ENGL 3460.1: British Literature 1900-1945
- ENGL 4455.1 Honours Seminar -- Works of Wonder: The Medical and the Miraculous in Nineteenth-Century Culture
- ENGL 4425.2: Advanced Studies in 18th Century and Romantic Literature

HIST Courses offered in 2025-2026

- HIST 3300.1WW: British Pop Music & Culture (Jul-Aug 2025)
- HIST 2336.1: Making Britain, 1688-1870
- HIST 4567.1: British Colonization
- HIST 2397.2: Imperial Britain 1870-Present
- HIST 3470.2 British Black Atlantic

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Major/Minor declaration form link <https://www.smu.ca/academics/student-forms.html#majordec>

Completed forms are sent to Arts Advising for final approval. BAadvising@smu.ca

The minor in British Studies consists of at least twenty-four (24) credit hours in English literature and in History, with a minimum of nine (9) credits hours in History and fifteen (15) credit hours in English. Students should consult each department's regulations regarding prerequisites. A full list of courses can be found at:

<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/british-studies/#programtext>