

English

Department Overview

The [English Department](#) has a wealth of course offerings for students of all levels. Options include courses in Literature, Creative Writing, Communications and ESL/Academic Preparation. The English Department also offers two Associate of Arts degrees: an [Associate of Arts in English](#); and, an [Associate of Arts in Creative Writing](#). Department faculty include published authors in academic and creative fields.

Self-Study

English launched its program review in academic year 2019/20 with a Self-Study. Mono Brown was the primary Self-Study writer on behalf of the rest of the department's faculty. Additional support was provided by:

- Kina Cavicchioli (Department Chair)
- Kathleen Oliver (Assistant Department Chair)
- Tess MacMillan (Division Chair, Humanities)
- Julie Longo (Dean, Faculty of Arts)
- Sunita Wiebe (Director, Office of Academic Quality Assurance)
- Institutional Research analysts

Data sources for the Self-Study included:

- Institutional Research-compiled student administrative data (*e.g.*, headcounts, retention, satisfaction)
- Student survey
- Alumni survey
- Faculty survey

The Self-Study was completed in December 2020.

External Review

The English Department's External Review took place on January 15, 2021. The External Review Team consisted of:

- Paul Tyndall, PhD, Department of English, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (External Review Chair)
- Suzanne James, PhD, Department of English, University of British Columbia
- Michael Lo, Department of Mathematics, Langara

Action Plan Goals

In response to the Self-Study and External Review, the English Department created an Action Plan with these goals:

- Goal 1: Program and course development.
- Goal 2: Teaching and learning excellence.
- Goal 3: Community building.

Examples of Post-Review Successes

Funding was secured to offer *Writing Lives: the Residential School Survivors' Memoir Project* in 2022/23. The department offers 2000-level courses in a mix of on-campus and online formats. The Langara Foundation has funded a Writer-in-Residence position for the department.