

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 2026-2027

- ENGL 3791.1: Literature of Black Atlantic
- ENGL 3451.2: British Drama since 1956
- ENGL 3461.2: British Literature 1945-2000
- ENGL 3484.2: Victorian Poetry & Prose II
- ENGL 4830.2: British Literature and World War 2

HIST Courses offered in 2026-2027

- HIST 3300.1: British Pop Music & Culture (Jul-Aug 2026)
- HIST 2336.2: Making Britain
- 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>