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**ANG1100 Initiation to English Literary Studies**  
or, Everything you wanted to know about English Studies but were  
afraid to ask

*This class should be taken at the start of your programme.  
Exchange students are welcome.*

Description:

Literature is alive. Its various forms surround us and help to create the vibrant cultural spaces we experience on a daily basis. By attending literary events and engaging in various writing, reading, and cultural activities, students will learn how to access and explore literature within the university and the city so that they can develop their own personal, idiosyncratic relationship with the literary. This foundational course will help students make connections, understand their academic programme, its place within the larger discipline of English Literary Studies, and its range of professional applications. Students will learn reading, writing, research, and study skills that will be useful in all other literature classes.

Objectives:

At the end of this course, students will understand:

- \* their career options
- \* how to format literature essays
- \* how to avoid plagiarism
- \* how to do research
- \* where to get academic, administrative, professional, and psychological help
- \* the scope of the discipline of English Literature
- \* the objectives and the progression of their programme
- \* the place of literature in our society

Texts and Events will reflect the cultural diversity of the city. They will be selected based on scheduled happenings in Montreal during the semester, and will be determined by the start of classes.

This is a **hybrid synchronous** class: it combines in person and online meetings. **You are expected to attend class every Tuesday at 1pm EST.**

This class involves **attending local and online literary events**. All proposed class excursions will be in accordance with government and university regulations. Options will be provided for students who are unable to attend for medical or geographical reasons.

*Important Note:*

*We are all living in unprecedented, difficult times. We all have added stresses, fears, and challenges. Online and hybrid learning are new for all of us. If you need help, I will do my best to provide you with the support that you require or I will point you to other resources. I request that we exercise patience, compassion, and kindness with each other.*