OVERVIEW

The study of English Language and Literature is one that can be exceptionally rewarding. English enables students to appreciate the complexities of contemporary life. It encourages intellectual enquiry and an appreciation of local and world cultures. It equips students with the knowledge, skills and competencies a successful career requires, whether in tourism, finance, law, theatre, film or public relations.
OUR PROGRAMMES

The School of English Studies offers one bachelor degree programme, a Bachelor or Arts (BA) degree in English and two minor options, Bahamian and Caribbean Literature and Drama and Film Studies.

THE BA IN ENGLISH

The BA programme offers an exciting and diverse range of courses in the study of English Literature and Language. The rich variety permits travel across regions, times and cultures. Courses include classics such as Shakespeare, Contemporary Drama and Film, Caribbean and African literature.

MINOR IN BAHAMIAN AND CARIBBEAN LITERATURE

The minor in Bahamian and Caribbean Literature is an opportunity for English lovers to pursue majors in other fields of study without giving up their passion for books, plays, poetry and films.

MINOR IN DRAMA AND FILM STUDIES

The Minor in Drama and Film Studies in an opportunity for students interested in the cinematic and dramatic arts to follow a course of study that deepens their appreciation of the arts and invites student participation in film stage productions.

- Introduction to Film Studies
- Literature for Children
- Bahamian Literature
- Introduction to Poetry
- Studies in Bahamian English
- Studies in Modern Drama
- Oral Tradition in Bahamian Literature
- Shakespearean Comedy
- Studies in Bahamian Culture
- Gender and Literature
- Introduction to Theatre
- Race and Film: The African American Image
- Introduction to Criticism
- Bahamian Literature
- West Indian Literature: Decolonisation, Regeneration, Creolisation
- Issues in West Indian Discourse
- Caribbean Women Writers
- Post-Colonial Literature
COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

To give you an idea of the range of interests and areas that an English major or minor in Bahamian and Caribbean Literature or Drama and Film Studies experiences, here are descriptions of a few select courses:

**Introduction to Theatre**

In this course students analyse drama as literature and a performed art. They study theatre history and the collaborative processes that take plays from the page to the stage. They critique plays and stage productions based on their artistic merit and also spend time examining the growth of Bahamian theatre.

**Race and Film: The African American**

Students examine the socio-cultural, political and economic factors influencing black representations in 20th century American films. They analyse films that represent blacks both stereotypically and atypically against ideologies that inform the style and content of each film.

**Oral Tradition in Bahamian Literature**

In this course students explore the oral tradition in Bahamian literature and focus on creative forms such as ring play, songs, folktales, riddles and proverbs. They examine the socio-cultural and historical background of Bahamian oral tradition and analyse the structure and content of oral literary forms.
GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

All degree programmes have a general education component comprising nine areas: literacy, numeracy, foreign language, humanities, social science, natural science, health and nutrition, computer literacy and student development. While courses in your major provide you with disciplinary, technical and procedural knowledge, the General Education Programme is designed to graduate students who demonstrate critical, reflective and creative thought and who are able to convey those thoughts articulately and confidently in written and oral form.
WHY CHOOSE THE COLLEGE OF THE BAHAMAS

At The College of The Bahamas, we are committed to academic freedom, academic integrity and high standards of ethics, research and teaching. We are committed to the education of the ‘whole’ person, and have cultivated a vibrant campus life environment that promotes learning, leadership and service; and which allows us to encourage innovation and creativity. Our programmes are responsive to national needs and in many ways reflect our national culture and identity.

College of The Bahamas students have the option of choosing not only from a broad range of academic courses and programmes, but also from a number of clubs, organizations and activities that enhances their College experience in a variety of ways. There is something to appeal to everyone from clubs and groups that focus on academic and professional disciplines, to athletics, arts and culture, community service, spiritual enrichment, and leadership.

There are also opportunities to study abroad and still gain credits at home. We have an exciting student exchange and study abroad programme. College of The Bahamas students have studied at institutions in both English and non-English speaking countries in Europe and closer to home in the Latin-American and Caribbean region, the United States and Canada. The programme is expanding to new places with new opportunities every day.

Many great things await you at The College of The Bahamas. To find out more, visit us online at www.cob.edu.bs, stop by our Admissions Office at our Oakes Field campus, or telephone us at (242) 302-4429.
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

An undergraduate degree in English Studies will provide students with a sound foundation for a wide range of careers and graduate opportunities. For the aspiring writer, a BA in English prepares you for a career as a novelist, a poet, playwright, film writer and more.

There are also wonderful opportunities in media, marketing, theatre and publishing that are especially suited for the English degree holder. It can also be a good first degree for future careers in education, law, development and a host of other areas.
ALUMNI REFLECTIONS

"Attending The College of The Bahamas was an experience I am glad I had. It was a great nesting ground for me to learn what college life and the real world was all about. I will admit that it was not the easiest at times but nothing worthwhile comes easily. I am especially glad that I chose to study English Literature in the School of English at The College because not only was it a small and intimate school but the lecturers were passionate and always willing to find ways to make lessons interesting and my college experience enjoyable."

Chakara Benett
News Reporter
BA, 2010

“The College of The Bahamas provided me with a rewarding and challenging experience and equipped me with the tools to pursue graduate studies in the field of English/Literature. For the imaginative and academically inquisitive student, the School of English Studies is an outlet for creative and individual thinking, a laboratory of potential from which some of this nation’s greatest creative artists will emerge to make an indelible mark on the world.”

Barry Williams, Graduate Student,
University of West Indies, Trinidad
BA, 2007
FACULTY

ALLEN, Victoria, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor
BAILEY, Peter, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor
BAIN, Michelle – Associate Professor
BETHELL-BENNET, Ian, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor
BROOKS-JONES, Marjorie, Ph.D. – Associate Professor
DEKA, Mayuri, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor
DONNELLY, Janet – Associate Professor
DOWNIE, Marjorie – Associate Professor
FERGUSON, Vivienne – Assistant Professor
FRANCIS, Toni, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor
GRACE, Daphne, Ph.D. - Associate Professor
HIGGINS, Ivy – Assistant Professor
HIGGS, Shaniqua – Lecturer
HUMES, Mark - Lecturer
LAWLOR, Anne – Associate Professor
McFARLANE-BAIN, Monique – Assistant Professor
MCPHEE, Helean, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor
MOSS, Carol, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor
PINDER, Randall – Assistant Professor
SAIRSINGH-MILLS, Marie – Assistant Professor
SEYMOUR, Chanti (Kendra) – Assistant Professor
SMITH, Craig, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor
STRACHAN, Ian, Ph.D. – Associate Professor
WALKES, Krista – Lecturer
WHATLEY, Leslie, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor
GENERAL ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

High School Students
- Five or more BGCSEs or equivalent passes including English and Mathematics with “C” and above grades
- Combined score of 1000 on Math and Verbal components of SAT along with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, including one term of the 12th grade

Transfer Students
- Must have completed 15 credit hours of college level coursework with “C” grade or higher at an institution recognized by COB and is in good standing with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher

Mature Students (25 Years or Older)
- Must have two BGCSEs, Math and English with “C” or completed mature upgrading programme at COB or a recognised institution

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