

English Language and Literature

Course overview

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Level 3

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A Level English Language and Literature presents clear continuity from GCSE English and GCSE English Literature with the study of literary and non-fiction written and spoken texts. The course also enables students to develop their creativity and expertise by producing their own original writing. You will need to be a keen reader who is prepared to take on some challenging texts.

Entry Requirements

You must have a minimum of 5 grades 9-4 (equivalent to A*-C) at GCSE, including English and Maths at grade 4, plus you must also meet the specific subject entry requirements.

Subject Specific Requirements

Grade 5 in English Language and English Literature GCSE or a grade 5 in English GCSE.

Popular Subject Combinations

A Level: Law, Psychology, Classical Civilisation, History, Business Studies, Sociology, Media Studies.

BTEC: Media Production.

Possible Enrichment Opportunities

Theatre Trips, Writing Workshops, External Speakers, Text Production.

What will I learn?

Over the course's four modules you will study a wide range of texts drawn from famous works of literature, non-fiction writing, scripts, transcripts and graphic novels. You will be working with Shakespeare and Twitter feeds; *The Great Gatsby* and Jeremy Paxman. This will be combined with your own creative writing skills over three distinct exams and one coursework portfolio. You will develop a clear understanding of the functions and usage of language for a variety of purposes.

How will I be assessed?

Exploring non-fiction and spoken texts
Anthology of texts in a one hour exam, worth 16% of the marks.

The language of poetry and plays
Blake's *Songs of Innocence and Experience* and Shakespeare's *Othello* in a two hour exam, worth 32% of the marks.

Reading as a writer, writing as a reader
F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* and Creative writing task in a two hour exam, worth 32% of the marks.

Independent study: analysing and producing texts
Comparison of Non-Fiction Writing and Creative Writing Task, coursework, worth 20% of the marks.

Where might it lead?

English Language & Literature's focus on the function of language makes it a perfect choice for a range of careers and University courses. Journalism, Teaching, Media, Speech Therapy and Advertising are direct links, but it provides good support for almost all progression routes.

If you would like further information about this course please contact the admissions team at