

English Literature

A-Level

What is the course about?

You will gain a wide appreciation and understanding of the traditions of English Literature. You will develop your skills of analysis through the study of a wide range of poetry, prose and drama from different periods and explore form, structure and language, as well as the contexts and different interpretations of texts.

What kind of students is this course suitable for?

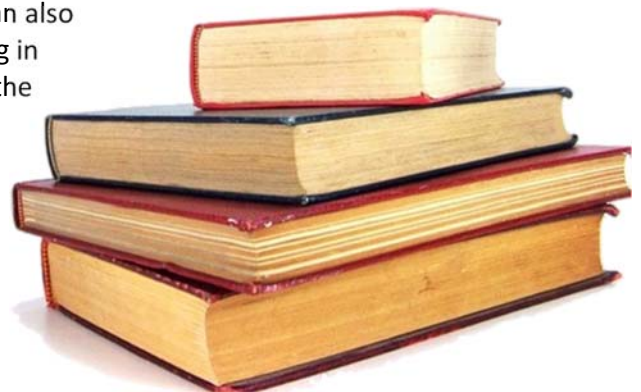
You need an inquiring mind and a genuine desire to learn through reading and analysing literature. An ability to analyse what you have read and to communicate your ideas effectively is important. You need to have an interest in a wide range of literature from different periods and a desire to gain understanding of how language is used to convey meaning.

The A level course consists of the study of eight texts, including at least two poetry, two prose and two drama texts, one of which will be a Shakespeare play. You will have the opportunity to study texts from several periods of English Literature, including writers as diverse as F Scott Fitzgerald, Rossetti, Ibsen and Armitage. In addition, there is a non-examined unit, comprising two essays: a piece of close textual analysis and a comparative study of two texts.


What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

Students with A level English Literature have a wide range of possible career and higher education opportunities. English Literature can be studied as a single subject in higher education or can be combined with a wide variety of other subjects. It could form a good basis for study in any arts-based subject in combination with, for example, history, philosophy, law, politics, media and communication, or languages.

A very wide range of occupations is open to students with an AS or A level in English Literature. This can also include the opportunity to receive further training in areas such as journalism, teaching, the media or the law.



What if I need further advice or information?

 Speak to a member of the department

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