

Course Specification

Course Summary Information			
1	Course Title		BA (Hons) English Language and Literature with Foundation Year
2	BCU Course Code	UCAS Code	US0784F Q30B
3	Awarding Institution		Birmingham City University
4	Teaching Institution(s) (if different from point 3)		
5	Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation (if applicable)		

6	Course Description
	<p>English Language and Literature degrees are highly sought after by employers, due to the vast range of skills that they instil within graduates. This English course will connect you with world leading academics and owing to its unique setting in one of the UK's largest Arts faculties, you will be able to take advantage of a wealth of opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration.</p> <p>The BA (Hons) English Language and Literature course will support you in developing interdisciplinary skills in both areas, as well as the wider field of humanities.</p> <p>You will have a unique opportunity to strengthen your critical skills in informed reading and analysis, whilst deepening your appreciation for language and literature. You will develop your writing, close-reading and research skills, and learn to express your arguments coherently and persuasively.</p> <p>Your language studies will be applied to everyday and professional settings, allowing you to strengthen your understanding of communicative processes, while your literature studies will provide an opportunity to examine literature from all of the major periods, movements and genres. Your degree will allow you to tailor your studies to your individual interests.</p> <p>About foundation courses</p> <p>This diverse and creative course incorporating a Foundation Year is a must for anyone passionate about English, whether that be language, literature, drama or creative writing.</p> <p>As part of the foundation year you will develop essential skills and knowledge which will help you succeed in your future degree level studies and which will be transferable to your future career.</p> <p>You will study a variety of subjects, including language and literature, drama and creative writing, and will learn how these different aspects of English study interact with one another.</p> <p>Alongside this, you will develop core skills in research, critical analysis, planning and evaluation, creativity and effective communication. Understanding how English is studied in context, developing that knowledge and applying it through a range of assignments and assessments, will provide you with a strong foundation upon which to progress to degree-level study at the School of English.</p>

What's covered in the course?

English as a discipline continues to be relevant to the lives we lead and is central to a wide range of contemporary and social contexts. It is this fact on which the School has built its philosophy and approach to English as a subject with interdisciplinary reach beyond its own boundaries.

Understanding how language works in practice, engaging with multiple forms of communication, and examining how language and literature engage with societies and cultures in the past and present, are all vital aspects in understanding how the discipline connects with the wider world, enabling you to focus on the production, interpretation and negotiation of meaning and to understand the world from a variety of perspectives.

You will benefit from student-focused and research-informed teaching in a friendly and supportive learning environment. Our graduates are characterised by their extensive subject knowledge, critical thinking and intellectual curiosity, reflected in the skills and abilities that enables them to adapt to a wide range of career paths and employment opportunities.

The School contributes to the cultural life of Birmingham and the wider West Midlands by: working closely with partner colleges and schools; maintaining close links with cultural institutions such as the Birmingham and Midland Institute (BMI) and Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (BMAG); and working with agencies such as Writing West Midlands. The aim is to provide opportunities for the community to engage with the discipline and the University.

7 Course Awards			
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelors of Arts with Honours English Language and Literature	6	480
7b Exit Awards and Credits Awarded			
	Foundation Certificate English	3	120
	Certificate of Higher Education English Language and Literature	4	240
	Diploma of Higher Education English Language and Literature	5	360
	Bachelors of Arts English Language and Literature	6	420

8 Derogation from the University Regulations	
	Not applicable

9 Delivery Patterns			
Mode(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study	Code
Full Time	City Centre	4 years	US0784F

10	Entry Requirements
	The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/ , or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.

11	Course Learning Outcomes
	Knowledge and Understanding
1	Discuss literature, creative practice and/or language from different periods
2	Recognise the formal features of literatures in English and/or regional and global varieties of English
3	Explain how culture, language, technology and economics affect the production and reception of texts
4	Describe the relationships between different literary forms, genres and media
	Cognitive and Intellectual Skills
5	Apply critical, theoretical, methodological and stylistic concepts and terminology in relation to literature, linguistics and creative practice
6	Evaluate the work of others and its application to your own learning
7	Articulate a critical understanding of complex texts and ideas
8	Develop independent and imaginative interpretations in response to literary, critical, linguistic and creative material
	Practical and Professional Skills
9	Apply techniques and methods that enhance the quality of your creative, critical and analytical practices
10	Communicate ideas clearly, accurately and effectively both orally and in writing
11	Initiate, manage and complete research projects independently and/or collaboratively
12	Apply scholarly bibliographic skills appropriate to the subject
	Key Transferable Skills
13	Recognise and synthesize complex information and diverse evidence
14	Test and evaluate information and evidence
15	Produce cogent arguments and make reasoned judgements
16	Organise your work effectively and meet deadlines

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Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ADM5006	Collaborative Practice	20
ADM5000	Work Placement	20
EGL5065	Language in Society	20
EGL5061	Foundations of Screenwriting	20
EGL5072	Writing Poetry	20
EGL5070	Writing Audio Drama	20
EGL5059	Documentary Drama	20
EGL5062	Gender, Sexuality and Culture	20
EGL5066	Literature and the Child	20
EGL5069	The Victorians	20
EGL5067	Multicultural Writing	20
EGL5060	Early Modern Literature	20

Level 6:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 80 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
EGL6125	Applied Sociolinguistics	40
ADM6005	Major Project: Advanced Poetry <i>or</i> Major Project: Dissertation <i>or</i> Major Project: Drama Workshop <i>or</i> Major Project: Undergraduate Conference	40

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
EGL6126	Forensic Linguistics	20
EGL6108	Language and Gender	20
EGL6143	Teaching English as a Foreign Language	20
EGL6136	Writing Creative Nonfiction	20
EGL6142	Writing Short Films	20
EGL6120	Nature Writing	20
EGL6127	Literature, Art and Philosophy	20
EGL6138	The Gothic	20
EGL6132	Psychology in Victorian Literature	20
EGL6133	Speculative Fiction	20
EGL6141	Shakespeare Studies	20
EGL6147	Moral Philosophy	20
EGL6129	Milton's Epic	20
EGL6104	Film	20
EGL6135	World Literature	20
EGL6134	The Uncanny	20
EGL6149	Corpus Linguistics	20

12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only as modules will only run if selected by 15 or more students. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

Award	BA (Hons) English Language and Literature					
Year 3	Semester 1			Semester 2		
	Subject Module (40 credits) Applied Sociolinguistics	Option Module (20 credits) English options		Faculty Module Major Project (one of) (40 credits) Advanced Poetry Dissertation Drama Workshop Undergraduate Conference	Option Module (20 credits) English options	
Year 2	Semester 1			Semester 2		
	Programme Module (20 credits) Writing and the Environment	Subject Module (40 credits) Grammar and Sounds		Faculty Module (20 credits) Collaborative Practice OR Faculty Module (20 credits) Work Placement	Option Module (20 credits) English options	Option Module (20 credits) English options
Year 1	Semester 1			Semester 2		
	Subject Module Literature, Drama and Origin (20 credits)	Subject Module (20 credits) Foundations of Language	Subject Module (20 credits) Foundations of Creative Writing	Programme Module (20 credits) Key Critical Concepts	Subject Module (20 credits) Language in Action	Option Module (20 credits) Craft of Writing Literature and Conflict Modern Drama

Year 0	Semester 1			Semester 2		
	Programme Module (20 Credits) Literature in Time	Programme Module (20 Credits) Language & Texts	Programme Module (20 Credits) Researching in English	Programme Module (20 Credits) Literature in the World	Programme Module (20 Credits) Language & Creativity	Programme Module (20 Credits) Writing Development

A13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 3

Workload

Time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	396
Directed Learning	420
Private Study	384
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	100%
Exam	
In-Person	

Level 4

Workload

Time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	216
Directed Learning	600
Private Study	384
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	100%
Exam	
In-Person	

Level 5
Workload
Time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	180
Directed Learning	600
Private Study	420
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	100%
Exam	
In-Person	

Level 6
Workload
Time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	144
Directed Learning	600
Private Study	456
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	100%
Exam	
In-Person	