

Course Specification

Course Summary Information			
1	Course Title		BA (Hons) English and Creative Writing with Foundation Year
2	BCU Course Code	UCAS Code	US0787F QW3A
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>The BA (Hons) English and Creative Writing degree course will support you in developing a rigorous and creative writing practice, while also honing your critical and analytical abilities.</p> <p>You will develop your writing, close-reading and research skills and learn to craft different kinds of original writing – from critical argument to fiction. In the School of English, you will be taught by world-leading academics and practitioners offering a diverse range of modules.</p> <p>You will study literature from various major periods, movements and genres. You will also have the opportunity to produce audio drama, screenplay, short stories and poetry. Your degree will allow you to tailor your studies to your individual interests and career aspirations with both a local and global outlook.</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> <p>What's covered in the course?</p> <p>English and Creative Writing allows you to examine how language and literature engage with societies and cultures past and present, to develop a rigorous, creative and disciplined writing practice, and to express insights into contemporary concerns, effecting the way you and others see the world.</p> <p>Through workshops with published authors you will hone your writing craft, experimenting with forms including audio drama, screenplay, short fiction, poetry and the novel. You will produce</p>

	<p>polished pieces of writing using creative and analytical approaches that complement your study of English.</p> <p>You will benefit from student-focused and research-informed teaching in a friendly, supportive learning environment where you will be taught by world-leading academics and expert practitioners who foster a community of experimentation, innovation and inclusivity.</p> <p>Our graduates are characterised by their inventiveness, 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. Throughout your studies, you will develop a range of transferable skills valued in the creative industries and beyond.</p> <p>The School is committed to contributing to the cultural life of Birmingham and the wider West Midlands. We do this through working closely with partner colleges and schools, by maintaining close links with cultural institutions such as the Birmingham and Midland Institute (BMI) and Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery (BMAG), and by working with agencies such as Writing West Midlands. In all of this we seek to widen participation and provide opportunities for the community to engage with the discipline and the University.</p>
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7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Arts with Honours English and Creative Writing	6	480
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Foundation Certificate English and Creative Writing	3	120
	Certificate of Higher Education English and Creative Writing	4	240
	Diploma of Higher Education English and Creative Writing	5	360
	Bachelor of Arts English and Creative Writing	6	420

8	Derogation from the University Regulations		
	Not applicable		

9	Delivery Patterns		
	Mode(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study
	Full Time	City Centre	4 years
	Part Time	City Centre	7 years
	Professional Placement Year	City Centre	5 years
			Code
			US0787F
			US0795F
			US1326F

10	Entry Requirements		
	<p>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.</p>		

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	Complete research projects independently and/or collaboratively
12	Apply scholarly bibliographic skills appropriate to the subject
	Key Transferable Skills
13	Synthesize complex information and diverse evidence
14	Evaluate information and evidence
15	Produce cogent arguments and make reasoned judgements
16	Organise your work effectively and meet deadlines

12 Course Structure**12a Level 3:**

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
EGL3000	Language and Creativity	20
EGL3001	Language and Texts	20
EGL3002	Literature in the World	20
EGL3003	Literature in Time	20
EGL3004	Researching English	20
EGL3005	Writing Development	20

Level 4:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 100 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
EGL4050	Literature, Drama and Origin	20
EGL4046	Foundations of Language	20
EGL4045	Foundations of Creative Writing	20
EGL4042	Craft of Writing	20
EGL4047	Key Critical Concepts	20

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 20 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
EGL4049	Literature and Conflict	20
EGL4048	Language in Action	20
EGL4051	Modern Drama	20

Level 5:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 60 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
EGL5073	Writing and the Environment	20
EGL5056	Writing Short Stories	40

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
ADM5006	Collaborative Practice	20
ADM5000	Work Placement	20
EGL5061	Foundations of Screenwriting	20
EGL5072	Writing Poetry	20
EGL5070	Writing Audio Drama	20
EGL5059	Documentary Drama	20
EGL5065	Language in Society	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
EGL6147	Writing the Novel	40
EGL6150	Major Project: English - Advanced Poetry <i>or</i>	40
EGL6151	Major Project: English Dissertation <i>or</i>	
EGL6152	Major Project: Drama Workshop <i>or</i>	
EGL6153	Major Project: English - Conference	

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
EGL6136	Writing Creative Nonfiction	20
EGL6142	Writing Short Films	20
EGL6120	Nature Writing	20
EGL6126	Forensic Linguistics	20
EGL6108	Language and Gender	20
EGL6143	Teaching English as a Foreign Language	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
EGL6155	Audio Drama and Podcast Writing	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 and Creative Writing (Full time)					
Year 3	Semester 1			Semester 2		
	Subject Module (40 credits) Writing the Novel	Option Module (20 credits) English options	Faculty Module Major Project (one of): (40 credits) English - Advanced Poetry English Dissertation Drama Workshop English - 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) Writing Short Stories	Faculty Module Collaborative Practice (20 credits) <u>OR</u> Work Placement (20 credits)	Option Module (20 credits) English options	Option Module (20 credits) English options	
			<u>OR</u> Study Abroad (60 credits)			
Year 1	Semester 1			Semester 2		
	Subject Module (20 credits) Literature, Drama and Origin	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) Craft of Writing	Option Module (20 credits) Language in Action 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

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*Please note: Year 0 (Level 3) runs as a full time commitment.

Year 0 (Level 3)		
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
EGL3003 (20 Credits) Literature in Time EGL3001 (20 Credits) Language and Texts EGL3004 (20 Credits) Researching in English	EGL3002 (20 Credits) Literature in the World EGL3000 (20 Credits) Language and Creativity EGL3005 (20 Credits) Writing Development	N/A

Year 1 (Level 4 Part A)		
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
EGL4045 (20 credits) Foundations of Creative Writing EGL4050 (20 credits) Literature, Drama and Origin	EGL4047 (20 credits) Key Critical Concepts	N/A

Year 1 (Level 4 Part B)		
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester3
EGL4046 (20 credits) Foundations of Language	EGL4042 (20 credits) Craft of Writing 1 module from (20 credits each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGL4049 Literature and Conflict • EG4048L Language in Action • EGL4051 Modern Drama 	N/A

Year 2 (Level 5 Part A)		
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester3
EGL5056 (40 credits) Writing Short Stories	ADM5000 (20 credits) Work Placement OR ADM5006 (20 credits) Collaborative Practice	N/A

Year 2 (Level 5 Part B)		
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester3
EGL5073 (20 credits) Writing and the Environment	2 modules from (20 credits each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGL5057 Writing Poetry • EGL5059 Documentary Drama 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGL5060 Early Modern Literature • EGL5061 Foundations of Screenwriting • EGL5062 Gender, Sexuality and Culture • EGL5065 Language in Society • EGL5066 Literature and the Child • EGL5067 Multicultural Writing • EGL5069 The Victorians 	
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Year 3 (Level 6 Part A)		
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester3
EGL6148 (40 credits) Writing the Novel	1 module from (20 credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGL6104 Film • EGL6108 Language and Gender • EGL6120 Nature Writing • EGL6126 Forensic Linguistics • EGL6127 Literature, Art and Philosophy • EGL6129 Milton's Epic • EGL6132 Psychology in Victorian Literature • EGL6133 Speculative Fiction • EGL6134 The Uncanny • EGL6135 World Literature • EGL6136 Writing Creative Nonfiction • EGL6138 The Gothic • EGL6141 Shakespeare Studies • EGL6142 Writing Short Films • EGL6143 Teaching English as a Foreign Language • EGL6149 Corpus Linguistics • EGL6147 Moral Philosophy • EGL6155 Audio Drama and Podcast Writing 	N/A

Year 3 (Level 6 Part B)		
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester3
1 module from (20 credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGL6104 Film • EGL6108 Language and Gender • EGL6120 Nature Writing • EGL6126 Forensic Linguistics • EGL6127 Literature, Art and Philosophy • EGL6129 Milton's Epic • EGL6132 Psychology in Victorian Literature • EGL6133 Speculative Fiction • EGL6134 The Uncanny • EGL6135 World Literature • EGL6136 Writing Creative Nonfiction • EGL6138 The Gothic • EGL6141 Shakespeare Studies 	1 option from (40 credits each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGL6150 Major Project: English - Advanced Poetry • EGL6151 Major Project: English Dissertation • EGL6152 Major Project: Drama Workshop • EGL6153 Major Project: English - Conference 	N/A

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EGL6142 Writing Short Films• EGL6143 Teaching English as a Foreign Language• EGL6149 Corpus Linguistics• EGL6147 Moral Philosophy		
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13 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	

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	