

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

WHERE CAN IT TAKE YOU?

Journalism and Writing

If you have a passion for writing, editing and experimenting with language, you could consider a career in journalism or writing. Many careers in this field require a relevant university degree; some degree courses offer Creative Writing and English Combined. You should think about developing a portfolio of writing, something we can support you with through extra curricular writing opportunities at One.

Career Paths - Magazine or newspaper journalist, editor, proof reader, researcher, broadcaster, digital copywriter, playwright, novelist, poet, critic, publisher, copywriter, blogger, speech writer, technical writer.

Marketing & PR

Although these are not necessarily careers directly related to the study of English, they are certainly fields that the study of English could lead you into. Businesses in the marketing sector and financial world need staff to market, sell and present services in an articulate and creative manner. Careers in this field may require a relevant degree, or others could be pursued through apprenticeships and gaining work experience.

Career Paths - Management, advertising, marketing, Public Relations Officer, Human Resources, social media manager, charity worker.

Education

If you are thinking of going into teaching after your A Levels then a degree in the relevant field is desirable. After studying an undergraduate degree you would go on to study a PGCE to gain your teaching qualification. You could also consider further study to gain a Masters or Doctorate.

Career Paths - Teacher (primary or secondary), lecturer, tutor, teacher of English as a foreign language.

Research and Information Services

English students often have a passion for texts and reading, which can be used to pursue exciting and original research projects or within public information services. Careers in this field may require a relevant degree, or others could be pursued through apprenticeships and gaining work experience.

Career Paths - Information officer, research officer, head of an information service, records management, librarianship.

Social Sciences

Particularly pertinent to students with an interest in English Language, careers in this field can combine linguistic knowledge with a passion for helping others. Careers in this field will usually require a relevant undergraduate degree.

Career Paths - Speech and child therapy, counselling, criminology, forensic linguistics.

Law

English is a popular subject to study at A Level if you want to go on to study a law degree; some law degrees ask specifically for an English A Level. English helps with key oral and written communication skills which are particularly pertinent to the study of law.

Career Paths - Barrister, paralegal, solicitor, chartered legal executive, conveyancer.

FURTHER CAREER INFORMATION

These are just a small selection of the careers you could go on to pursue should you study an A Level in one of our English subjects.

The study of English opens up a vast array of different career paths as communication, analysis and interpretation are key and transferrable employment skills.

English Literature is considered a facilitating subject by Russell group universities.

English degrees are excellent in terms of their broad and general scope for career choices.

As an English degree is a non-vocational subject, gaining relevant work experience can be really beneficial in a competitive jobs market.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

What does the course involve?

The aim of the course is to encourage you to develop your interest, enjoyment and analytical skills in the fields of both language and literature as you:

- Use integrated linguistic and literary approaches in your reading and interpretation of texts;
- Engage creatively and independently with a wide range of spoken, written and multimodal texts, at the same time exploring the relationships between texts;
- Experiment with different types of re-creative writing, making connections between your own writing and the genre conventions of the texts you study.

Throughout the two year course you will read widely and study in close linguistic detail a selection of literary and non-literary texts including poetry, drama and prose fiction, newspaper and magazine articles, speeches, publicity campaigns and other non-fiction texts.

You will explore how writers use literary and linguistic features to shape meanings and readers' responses. You will consider how texts and reader responses are influenced by context, including how texts fit into genres, following or subverting conventions. You will develop the analytical and

grammatical skills to understand how language works and record spoken language, transcribe and analyse its features and compare it to fictional and computer-mediated conversation.

You will learn how to re-cast texts using creative skills to showcase your understanding of the base text. You will develop the ability to analyse your own re-creative texts explaining how you have used linguistic and generic features.

Can I take additional qualifications?

If you choose to study Combined English Language and Literature, you will usually take it alongside two other A levels.

How will I be assessed?

80% examination and 20% non-examined assessment.

What are the costs?

There are no charges to study on the course; however, non-compulsory trips run as part of the course may incur a cost.

What is the duration?

This is a two year course.

Entry Requirements

Grade 4 in GCSE English Language and Grade 4 in GCSE English Literature.