

# **Course Specification**

Cou	Course Summary Information			
1	Course Title		BA (Hons) English Literature	
2	BCU Course	UCAS Code	US0785	Q320
	Code			
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

Looking for a highly-prized English Literature degree that you can tailor to your individual interests and career aspirations? Learn from world leading academics and expert practitioners on a course that has recently achieved excellent satisfaction score in the National Student Survey.

The BA (Hons) English Literature course will support you in developing your critical faculties, instilling in you the power and responsibility of informed reading and analysis, whilst deepening your appreciation for literature.

You will develop your writing, close-reading and research skills and learn to express your arguments coherently and persuasively. In the School of English, you will be taught by world-leading academics and practitioners offering a diverse range of modules.

You will study literature from all of the major periods, movements and genres. You will also have the opportunity to study cinema, art and philosophy. Your degree will allow you to tailor your studies to your individual interests and career aspirations with both a local and global outlook.

## 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, which has interdisciplinary reach beyond its own boundaries.

Understanding how language works in practice, engaging with multiple forms of communication, examining how language and literature engage with societies and cultures past and present, and the place of English in a global context, 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 where you will be taught by world-leading academics and expert practitioners who encourage a community of experimentation, innovation and inclusivity.



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 Degree with Honours English Literature	6	360
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education English Literature	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education English Literature	5	240
	Bachelor of Arts English Literature	6	300

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	Not applicable

9	Delivery Patterns			
Mode	(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study	Code
Full Ti	ime	City Centre	3 years	US0785
Part T	ime	City Centre	6 years	US0792

10	Entry Requirements
	The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at <a href="https://www.bcu.ac.uk/">https://www.bcu.ac.uk/</a> , 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	Productively apply critical, theoretical, methodological and stylistic concepts and terminology in relation to literature, linguistics and creative practice
6	Critically 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		



# 12 Course Requirements

## 12a 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
EGL4049	Literature and Conflict	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
EGL4048	Language in Action	20
EGL4042	Craft of Writing	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
EGL5064	Key Critical Traditions	20
EGL5068	The Romantics	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
EGL5062	Gender, Sexuality and Culture	20
EGL5066	Literature and the Child	20
EGL5071	The Victorians	20
EGL5067	Multicultural Writing	20
EGL5060	Early Modern Literature	20
EGL5065	Language in Society	20
EGL5061	Foundations of Screenwriting	20
EGL5072	Writing Poetry	20
EGL5070	Writing Audio Drama	20
EGL5059	Documentary Drama	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
EGL6037	Modernism and its Legacies	40
ADM6005	Major Project: Dissertation or	40
	Major Project: Advanced Poetry or	
	Major Project: Drama Workshop or	
	Major Project: Undergraduate 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
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
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
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.

<u>Award</u>	BA (Hons) English Literature (Full Time)					
Year 3	Semester 1		Semester 2			
	Subject Mo		Option Module	Faculty N		Option
	(40 cred	•	(20 credits) <b>or</b>	Major Projec	-	Module
	Modernism		English options	(40 cre	•	(20 credits) <b>r</b>
	Legacie	es		Advanced	•	English options
				Dissert		
				Drama Wo	•	
				Undergra		
				Confer		
Year 2		Semester			Semester 2	
	Programme	_	ect Module	Faculty	Option	Option
	Module	*	credits)	Module	Module	Module
	(20 credits)	The I	Romantics	(20 credits)	(20	(20 credits)
	Key Critical			Collaborative	credits) <b>r</b>	English options
	Traditions			Practice	English	
					options	
				<u>OR</u>		
				Faculty		
				Module		
				(20 credits)		
				Work		
				Placement		
Year 1		Semester	•	_	Semester 2	
	Subject	Subject	Subject	Programme	Subject	Option
	Module	Module	Module	Module	Module	Module
	Literature,	(20 credits	•	(20 credits)	(20	(20 credits)
	Drama and	Foundation		Key Critical	credits)	Craft of
	Origin	of Language		Concepts	Literature	Writing
	(20 credits)		Writing		and	Language in
					Conflict	Action
						Modern Drama



# **BA English Literature with Honours (Part Time)**

Year 1 (Level 4 Part A)		
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
EGL4050 (20 credits)	EGL4047 (20 credits)	N/A
Literature, Drama and Origin	Key Critical Concepts	
EGL4046 (20 credits)		
Foundations of Language		

Year 1b (Level 4 Part B)		
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester3
EGL4045 (20 credits)	EGL4049 (20 credits)	N/A
Foundations of Creative Writing	Literature and Conflict	
	1 module from (20 credits each)	
	<ul><li>EGL4042 Craft of Writing</li><li>EG4048L Language in Action</li></ul>	
	EGL4051 Modern Drama	

Year 2 (Level 5 Part A)		
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester3
EGL5068 (20 credits)	ADM5000 (20 credits)	N/A
The Romantics	Work Placement	
	OR	
	ADM5006 (20 credits)	
	Collaborative Practice	

Year 2 (Level 5 Part B)		
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester3
EGL5064 (20 credits)	2 modules from (20 credits each)	
Key Critical Traditions	<ul> <li>EGL5057 Writing Poetry</li> <li>EGL5059 Documentary Drama</li> <li>EGL5060 Early Modern Literature</li> <li>EGL5061 Foundations of Screenwriting</li> <li>EGL5062 Gender, Sexuality and Culture</li> <li>EGL5065 Language in Society</li> </ul>	



	EGL5066 Literature and the Child	
	<ul> <li>EGL5067 Multicultural Writing</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>EGL5069 The Victorians</li> </ul>	

Year 3 (Level 6 Part A)		
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester3
EGL6130 (40 credits)	1 module from (20 credits)	N/A
Modernism and its Legacies	<ul> <li>EGL6104 Film</li> <li>EGL6108 Language and Gender</li> <li>EGL6120 Nature Writing</li> <li>EGL6126 Forensic Linguistics</li> <li>EGL6127 Literature, Art and Philosophy</li> <li>EGL6129 Milton's Epic</li> <li>EGL6132 Psychology in Victorian Literature</li> <li>EGL6133 Speculative Fiction</li> <li>EGL6134 The Uncanny</li> <li>EGL6135 World Literature</li> <li>EGL6136 Writing Creative Nonfiction</li> <li>EGL6138 The Gothic</li> <li>EGL6141 Shakespeare Studies</li> <li>EGL6142 Writing Short Films</li> <li>EGL6143 Teaching English as a Foreign Language</li> <li>EGL6147 Moral Philosophy</li> </ul>	

Year 3 (Level 6 Part B)				
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester3		
1 module from (20 credits)	1 option from (40 credits each)	N/A		
<ul> <li>EGL6104 Film</li> <li>EGL6108 Language and Gender</li> <li>EGL6120 Nature Writing</li> <li>EGL6126 Forensic Linguistics</li> <li>EGL6127 Literature, Art and Philosophy</li> <li>EGL6129 Milton's Epic</li> <li>EGL6132 Psychology in Victorian Literature</li> <li>EGL6133 Speculative Fiction</li> <li>EGL6134 The Uncanny</li> <li>EGL6135 World Literature</li> <li>EGL6136 Writing Creative Nonfiction</li> <li>EGL6138 The Gothic</li> <li>EGL6141 Shakespeare Studies</li> <li>EGL6142 Writing Short Films</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ADM6005 Advanced Poetry</li> <li>ADM6005 Dissertation</li> <li>ADM6005 Drama Workshop</li> <li>ADM6005 Undergraduate Conference</li> </ul>			



<ul> <li>EGL6143 Teaching English as a Foreign Language</li> <li>EGL6149 Corpus Linguistics</li> </ul>	
EGL6147 Moral Philosophy	



#### 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 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	