

EDEXCEL A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

English Literature is the ideal course for you if you enjoy reading and talking about ideas and issues connected to novels, poetry and drama. A lot of the learning is discussion based, so you will need to be open-minded and willing to share your ideas, as well as listen to those of other students. The study of literature at this level is based on the exploration of whole texts and the teaching will focus on encouraging you to articulate your opinions and develop your own critical interpretations. Through this course you will acquire skills in critical thinking and textual analysis. You will also broaden your enthusiasm for literature through an understanding of its cultural importance and links to contextual factors.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 12

Drama: Tragedy

- 'A Streetcar Named Desire' – Tennessee Williams.
- 'Hamlet' – William Shakespeare.
- Literary criticism on tragedy and 'Hamlet'.

Prose Comparative: 'The Handmaid's Tale' - Margaret Atwood.

Introduction to the NEA: A comparative essay on two texts of your choice, taken from poetry, prose or drama.

Year 13

Completion of the NEA: A comparative essay on two texts of your choice, taken from poetry, prose or drama.

Poetry

- Poems of the Decade - Post-2000 poetry.
- Selected Poems - John Keats.

Prose Comparative: 'Frankenstein' - Mary Shelley.

ASSESSMENT

Drama (30%) – Open book, 2 hours 15 minutes.

Prose comparative (20%) – Open book, 1 hour 15 minutes .

Poetry (30%) - Open book, 2 hours 15 minutes.

NEA (20%) - A comparative essay on two texts of your choice.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

English Literature works well with a range of A Level subjects, in particular, History, English Language, Psychology, Drama, Film Studies, Sociology, Modern Foreign Languages, and Geography.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and above including English & Maths. It is helpful to have studied English Literature at GCSE, but this is not a course requirement.

PROGRESSION

This course is a pathway to a huge range of higher education courses. Many universities identify English Literature to be one of their most desired qualifications for applicants. The skills you'll learn will be invaluable for essay writing, dissertations, report writing, analysis and presentations in later life.

Some universities see English Literature as a valuable subject for Medicine because it develops skills in communication.

FUTURES

The course is related to many vocations, however, the key aims of the English Literature A Level are to develop critical, analytical and communication skills. These are seen as essential in areas such as Law, Journalism, Publishing, Teaching, and Writing.



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