



Programme Specification

English Literature {Foundation} [Frenchay]

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Section 1: Key Programme Details

Part A: Programme Information

Programme title: English Literature {Foundation} [Frenchay]

Highest award: BA (Hons) English Literature

Interim award: BA English Literature

Interim award: DipHE English Literature

Interim award: CertHE English Literature

Awarding institution: UWE Bristol

Affiliated institutions: Not applicable

Teaching institutions: UWE Bristol

Study abroad: No

Year abroad: No

Sandwich year: Yes

Credit recognition: No

Department responsible for the programme: ACE Dept of Arts & Cultural Industries, Faculty of Arts Creative Industries & Education

Contributing departments: Not applicable

Professional, statutory or regulatory bodies: Not applicable

Apprenticeship: Not applicable

Mode of delivery: Full-time, Sandwich

Entry requirements: For the current entry requirements see the UWE public website.

For implementation from: 01 September 2021

Programme code: Q30F00

Section 2: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Part A: Programme Overview, Aims and Learning Outcomes

Overview: The programme develops the students' knowledge and understanding of literature in relation to culture and society. It enhances students' transferrable skills of critical engagement, understanding of the relationship between literature, culture and society, research, argument, clear and effective communication. It encultures students into discipline-specific knowledge, understanding and practices.

Educational Aims: The educational aims of Programme are to:

Provide a current curriculum which offers depth within and breadth across the subject area through distinctive modules based on staff expertise;

Provide students with a thorough knowledge of English literary culture by exposing them to canonical and non-canonical texts from the Renaissance to the twenty-first century;

Develop students' critical practices that stress the crucial balance between close reading and theoretical/contextual models of interpretation;

Extend students' knowledge of the historical and intellectual frames of reference from which literature emerges;

Offer a distinctively varied learning and assessment portfolio which encourages the development of analytic skills, creative expression and critical argument;

Provide a supportive and responsive framework for students' academic and personal development;

Offer a compulsory curriculum that develops outward-facing, employable students

who are fully conscious of the transferable value of their subject-specific knowledge and skills;

Encourage students to practise their subject-specific knowledge and skills in real working environments through the employability strategy;

Offer modules that engage and connect with cognate programmes across the faculty, facilitating integrated learning opportunities;

Offer opportunities that address UWE's wider agenda, such as childhood studies and the creative industries.

Programme Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this programme graduates will achieve the following learning outcomes.

Knowledge and Understanding

- A1. A wide range of literature in English from the nineteenth and twentieth and twenty-first centuries, with some knowledge of pre-1800 literature.
- A2. The cultural and historical contexts, which shaped and were shaped by the authors and texts studied.
- A3. The formal and aesthetic dimensions of the three main genres of fiction, poetry, and drama.
- A4. the key terms and concepts used in the analysis and interpretation of literary ideas
- A5. The range and variety of modern approaches to the study of literary texts.
- A6. The interrelations of literary study with the knowledge produced within other disciplines.
- A7. The ways in which literature exists and is consumed in contemporary culture and society.
- A8. The relationship between literature, law, responsibility and citizenship

Intellectual Skills

- B1. The ability to identify the complexities of the major literary genres and other forms of written and oral communication.
- B2. The ability to analyse the roles, methodologies, ideologies and historical contexts of literary critical traditions
- B3. An awareness of how literature and language produce and reflect cultural difference
- B4. Comprehension of the overall complexities of the discipline and its relationship to other disciplines and forms of language
- B5. Critical reflection on the principles, practices and enterprising nature of the discipline.
- B6. The ability to write critical essays, which demonstrate an ability to form arguments and synthesise critical ideas

Subject/Professional Practice Skills

- C1. The ability to apply appropriate techniques of literary criticism and theory to the written interpretation and analysis of texts
- C2. The ability to deploy appropriate critical language in written and oral communication
- C3. Knowledge of the conventions of literary research and presentation, including citation and referencing
- C4. The ability to design and produce a substantial piece of independent research or personal writing
- C5. The ability to work, communicate and participate in groups

Transferable Skills and other attributes

- D1. Produce effective written communication
- D2. Marshal their ideas in a limited time
- D3. Study effectively and manage their time efficiently
- D4. Locate and evaluate information sources and extract relevant information
- D5. Use IT for a variety of purposes, from research to the production of work for written and presentational assessments

- D6. Work efficiently as members of a team
- D7. Use initiative to work independently
- D8. Communicate effectively orally
- D9. Organise and self-direct substantial projects

Part B: Programme Structure

Year 1

Full time and sandwich students must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 1.

Year 1 Compulsory Modules (Full Time and Sandwich)

Full time and sandwich students must take 120 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Full Time and Sandwich).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UPCNA7-30-0	Academic Skills in Arts and Humanities 2022-23	30
UPCNA8-30-0	Bristol, Arts and Culture 2022-23	30
UPCNC9-30-0	The Power of Words 2022-23	30
UPCNA9-30-0	Thought, Ideas and Myths: Past, Present and Future 2022-23	30

Year 2

Full time and sandwich students must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 2.

Year 2 Compulsory Modules (Full Time and Sandwich)

Full time and sandwich students must take 120 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Sandwich).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UPGND7-15-1	Close Reading 2023-24	15
UPGNDX-15-1	Imagined Worlds: Utopian and Dystopian Literature 2023-24	15

UPGPPU-30-1	Literature and Ideas 2023-24	30
UPGND6-30-1	Literature and the Marketplace 2023-24	30
UPGND8-15-1	The Child in Literature 2023-24	15
UPGND9-15-1	Travel, Writing and Colonization 2023-24	15

Year 3

Full time and sandwich students must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 3.

Year 3 Compulsory Modules (Full Time and Sandwich)

Full time and sandwich students must take 30 credits from Compulsory Modules.

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UPGNCM-30-2	Literature in the World 2024-25	30

Year 3 Optional Modules (Full Time and Sandwich)

Full time and sandwich students must select 90 credits from the following:

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UPGNCV-15-2	American Genres 2024-25	15
UPGNCY-15-2	Beyond the Horizon: Empire and its Legacies in Literature 2024-25	15
UPGNCR-15-2	Class and Culture in Victorian Literature 2024-25	15
UPGNCS-15-2	Gender and Society in Victorian Literature 2024-25	15
UPGNCU-15-2	Modern Literature and the City 2024-25	15
UPGNCP-15-2	Renaissance Literature 2024-25	15
UPGNCQ-15-2	Romanticism and Slavery in the Age of Revolution 2024-25	15
UPGNCN-15-2	Shakespeare's Heroes and Villains 2024-25	15

UPGNCW-15-2	The Black Atlantic: From The Middle Passage To Hip-Hop 2024-25	15
UPGNCT-15-2	The Country House in British Fiction 1900-1960 2024-25	15
UPGNCX-15-2	The Golden Age Of Children's Literature 2024-25	15

Year 4

Full time students must take 120 credits from the modules in Year 4.

Sandwich students must take 30 credits from the modules in Year 4.

Students on the sandwich route (SW) must undertake and pass a work placement. During this time students must complete the 30 credit level 3 module, Professional Development on Placement UPGNA5-30-3

This module assesses the student's personal development, from the experience of placement and their ability to identify issues relevant to their Placement's organisational context and to then frame, scale and position a critical work-based enquiry relevant to the specialism of the degree.

This provides a rich process in which student can make links between theory and practice, reassess themselves and confront the challenges of carrying out a role in a new organisation whilst knowing that they will have the opportunity to be supported if there is a problem and that they will be returning to the programme for a further period of reflection and learning after the placement is completed.

Year 4 Compulsory Modules (Full Time)

Full time students must take 30 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Full Time).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UPGPPD-30-3	English Independent Project 2025-26	30

Year 4 Compulsory Modules (Sandwich)

Sandwich students must take 30 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Sandwich).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
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UPGNA5-30-3	Professional Development on Placement 2025-26	30
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Year 4 Optional Modules (Full Time)

Full time students must take 90 credits from the modules in Optional Modules (Full Time).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UPGPPR-30-3	Children's Fiction Since 1900 2025-26	30
UPGPPA-30-3	Contemporary American Narrative 2025-26	30
UPGPTF-30-3	Contemporary British Fiction 2025-26	30
UPGP6K-30-3	Crime and Detection in Nineteenth-Century Literature 2025-26	30
UPGPFS-30-3	Gothic Literature 2025-26	30
UPGPPP-30-3	Moving Words: Travel Writing and Modernity 2025-26	30

Year 5

Sandwich students must take 90 credits from the modules in Year 5.

Year 5 Compulsory Modules (Sandwich)

Compulsory Modules (Sandwich) must take 30 credits from the modules in Compulsory Modules (Sandwich).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UPGPPD-30-3	English Independent Project 2026-27	30

Year 5 Optional Modules (Sandwich)

Sandwich students must take 60 credits from the modules in Optional Modules (Sandwich).

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
UPGPPR-30-3	Children's Fiction Since 1900 2026-27	30

UPGPPA-30-3	Contemporary American Narrative 2026-27	30
UPGPTF-30-3	Contemporary British Fiction 2026-27	30
UPGP6K-30-3	Crime and Detection in Nineteenth-Century Literature 2026-27	30
UPGPFS-30-3	Gothic Literature 2026-27	30
UPGPPP-30-3	Moving Words: Travel Writing and Modernity 2026-27	30

Part C: Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR) Synopsis

The Programme encourages students to produce academic work of the highest calibre by achieving the stipulated learning outcomes for all of their modules.

Students are advised to engage in extra curricular activities such as joining the English Society, becoming Student Ambassadors, undergoing the training to be PAL Leaders and Senior PAL leaders, representing their programme/module at staff-student meeting. The Sandwich Option route also offers students a defined option to gain accredited experience of the workplace. At level 3 the Kate Fullbrook Award is presented to the student who best exemplifies achievement in adversity; the Keith Davey Memorial Prize for the best English Independent Project is awarded to the highest achieving student on the module.

Part D: External Reference Points and Benchmarks

Description of how the following reference points and benchmarks have been used in the design of the programme:

QAA UK Quality Code for HE

National qualification framework

Subject benchmark statements

University strategies and policies

The learning outcomes that underlie the educational aims of the UWE undergraduate

English Literature programme are broadly in line with QAA Benchmark Statement (2007) and FHEQ qualification descriptors (2008). Learning outcomes are level-specific, increasing in terms of sophistication and complexity with each level. The learning outcomes of UWE English Literature increasingly involve creative opportunities in line with the QAA Benchmark Standards (2007). In the case of the English Independent Project, which has several types of assessment, specific learning outcomes clearly express the equivalence of the range of projects. Assessments operate within QAA Benchmarking guidelines and within the regulatory framework offered by the University's 'Academic Regulations and Procedures' and 'The Academic Quality Management and Enhancement Framework.' Staff research feeds into modules at various levels, and in particular at level three, where modules are created in line with staff expertise as well as what will develop and be of practical use to our students in the workplace. Students are encouraged to attend staff research papers and activities. We have consulted closely with Careers, and part of the programme development was informed by a UWE Learning and Teaching Fellowship project run by a member of the team. Employability skills are developed across modules through appropriate methods of teaching and learning to improve students' employment prospects.

Part E: Regulations

Approved to University Regulations and Procedures.