

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information								
Module Title	English: Past, Present & Future							
Module Code	UPNQ4H-30-1		Level	1				
For implementation from	September 2017							
UWE Credit Rating	30		ECTS Credit Rating	15				
Faculty	ACE		Field	English Language & Linguistics				
Department	ACI							
Contributes towards	BA (Hons.) English & English Language BA (Hons.) English Language & Linguistics							
Module type:	Standard							
Pre-requisites		None						
Excluded Combinations		None						
Co- requisites		None						
Module Entry requirements		n/a						

Part 2: Description

This module considers the origins and development of the English Language and explores some 'big questions' about what language is, what it is used for, what it tells us about the mind and what it tells us about our society. At the end of the module students should have an understanding of what the study of language entails, have been introduced to a variety of subdisciplines of linguistics and generally have a strong foundation for future study in this field. In addition, students will gain the necessary study skills for degree-level study.

TB1 – topics in the broad areas of:

- Origins of language
- Language and society
- Language, brain and mind

TB2 – topics in the broad areas of:

- History of the English Language
- World Englishes
- Future development of English

Part 3: Assessment

In TB1, students will be assessed by way of a multiple-choice examination covering the broad topics outlined. In addition, students will write a 750-word piece which reports in an accessible way on one of the language-related topics introduced in class or which the student has encountered in the course of their independent study. In TB2, students take a short in-class test relating to the history and development of English. They also write a 1,000-word academic essay.

Identify final timetabled piece of assessment (component and element)	EG. Compor	nponent A2				
% weighting between components A and B (Standard	A: 50%	B: 50%				
First Sit						
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)					
1. 1-hour multiple choice exam		60%				
2. 1-hour in-class test		40%				
Component B Description of each element		Element weighting (as % of component)				
1. 750-word report	40%					
2. 1,000 word essay	60%					
Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not req	uired)					
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element	Element weighting (as % of component)					
1. 1-hour multiple choice exam	60%					
2. 1-hour exam			40%			
Component B Description of each element		Element weighting (as % of component)				
1. 750-word report			40%			
2. 1,000 word essay			60%			
Part 4: Teaching ar	nd Learning Methods					
	anguage and the mental processe	es associated	with its			
 production (Component A1, B1, B2) Discuss the development of the English language over time (Compone B2) Identify the key differences between historical varieties of English and 						
varieties of present-da	ay English (Components A2, B2)					
Articulate the difference the role of the linguist	 Articulate the difference between description and prescription and understand the role of the linguist in relation to this (Component B1, B2) 					
Discuss the important (Component A1, A2, E)	ce of language as a key facet of w 31, B2)	t of what makes us human				

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Key Information Sets Information Further detail on Key Information Sets and how the University is implementing its (KIS) requirements can be found here. This also contains further guidance on how to complete the information requested below. A KIS is required for every undergraduate programme (including integrated Masters and foundation degrees) so please fill this section if this module will contribute to an undergraduate programme. Double click in the table and type over the number of hours – the table will total automatically. Please ensure that it totals correctly. **Key Information Set - Module data** Number of credits for this module 30 **Contact Hours** Hours to Scheduled Independent Placement Allocated be learning and study hours study hours Hours allocated teaching study hours 300 72 228 0 300 The table below indicates as a percentage the total assessment of the module which constitutes a: Written Exam: Unseen or open book written exam **Total Assessment** Coursework: Written assignment or essay, report, dissertation, portfolio, project or in class test Practical Exam: Oral Assessment and/or presentation, practical skills assessment, practical exam (i.e. an exam determining mastery of a technique) Please note that this is the total of various types of assessment and will probably not reflect the component and module weightings in the Assessment section of this module description: Note also that, if students must complete, e.g. a piece of coursework in order to pass the module, it should be included *even if it will not count towards the final assessment* Double click in the table and type over the percentages – the table will total automatically. Please ensure that it amounts to 100% Total assessment of the module: Written exam assessment percentage 50% Coursework assessment percentage 50% 0% Practical exam assessment percentage 100% Reading List Barber, C., J.C. Beal, and P.A. Shaw. (2009) The English Language (2nd edn). Cambridge: CUP. Bauer, L., J. Holmes, and P. Warren. (2006) Language Matters. Basingstoke: Palgrave. Culpeper, J. (2006) History of English (2nd edn). London: Routledge. Freeborn, D. et al. (1993) Varieties of English (2 nd edn). Basingstoke: Palgrave. Jackson, H. (2002) *Grammar and Vocabulary*. London: Routledge.

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