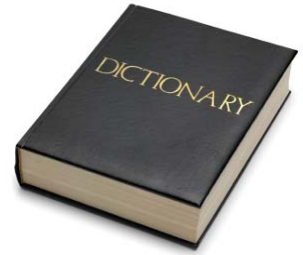




ENGLISH LANGUAGE A LEVEL COURSE



The **English Language A Level course** examines the language of advertising, newspapers and television as well as variations of dialect, accent and class.

The course provides the perfect opportunity for students to improve their language skills and gain an understanding of the underlying structures of English, both spoken and written.

Each full A Level Course consists of an AS and A2 Syllabus. The course is split into four modules, reflecting the new four module examination structure of A levels. The AS and A2 courses can be sat in their own right as an individual course, but you are required to have completed the AS level syllabus before starting on an A2 syllabus.

Each lesson begins with a set of clearly stated objectives and an explanation of its place in the overall programme of study. Effective learning is encouraged through frequent activities and self-assessment questions. There are fifteen Tutor-Marked Assignments (known as TMAs).

The Syllabus:

This course prepares candidates for the **AQA English Language AS level syllabus 1700** for examinations in June 2009 and later years. Most candidates will then study the **AQA English Language A2 level syllabus 2700** for examinations in June 2010 and later years.

This specification is designed to:

- Ensure continuity with the former 6-unit Specification A
- Provide a coherent development from AS with its focus on language in its personal and immediate contexts to A2, which places language in its wider social, historical and global contexts
- Help learners develop their writing skills in both AS and A2 units.

Examinations:

AS

At AS Level, this specification explores language production and variation through the mutually illuminating activities of writing in different forms and textual analysis; it also gives the opportunity to explore creative and transactional forms of writing and develop understanding of how language creates meaning in written, spoken and electronic modes. The specification will also allow you to gain valuable insights into the language development of children and you will be taught the importance of cultural sensitivity in language.

- Paper 1 – Seeing Through English (2 Hours) is 30% of the total A Level marks.
- Coursework – Creative Study is 20% of the total A Level marks.

The AS Level coursework is one Investigation and one Production task plus commentary (2000-2500 words)

Price:
£350.00

Instalment Options:
You can spread the payments for this course over 4 monthly payments. 1 initial payment of £155.00, followed by 3 monthly payments of £65.00.

Course Format:
Paper Based Course Materials

Assessment:
A Level Examinations & Coursework

Approximate Study Time:
700 Hours of Self Study

A2

At A2, candidates will explore how the English language has changed since 1600 and is changing today, how English varies globally, regionally and socially, the cultural debates about the nature and significance of language and how to carry out language research on topics of their own choice.

- Paper 1 – Language Explorations (2 ½ Hours) is 30% of the total A Level marks.
- Coursework – Language Investigations and Interventions is 20% of the total A Level marks.

The A2 Level coursework is one Investigation and one Intervention task (3000-3750 words).

Practical Skills/Coursework:

Candidates are required to submit two pieces of coursework. Full guidance is given in the course pack.

Pre-Requirements:

We will admit Candidates for A Level Courses who have a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade C and above. These would ideally include English and Maths.

Additional Reading:

You will need to read - Revision Express English Language A Level Revise Guides (A Gardiner) - ISBN: 1405821256 and The Concise Oxford Dictionary (OUP, 2001) - ISBN: 0198602596 or The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary (2 volumes), (OUP, 1993) - ISBN: 019861134X.

Technical Support:

Every student receives a personal tutor with whom they need to keep in regular contact. The essential relationship between student and tutor begins with an introductory letter and a telephone call to help decide on a study plan. All tutors are fully qualified teachers holding either a Postgraduate Certificate in Education or a degree in education. So when you enrol on a course you can be assured of the assistance of a professionally qualified subject specific tutor.

There is no limit on how often you can contact your tutor. The advice and encouragement our tutors provide are an important part of your learning experience. You can contact your tutor by Phone, Post or Email. There are tutor-marked assignments (TMA's) in every course. These help the student to consolidate their learning and prepare for examinations. All tutors have a local rate telephone number such as a 0845 number. This means that when you phone your tutor it will only cost you the price of a local call. Whilst you are still actively submitting assignments, you should expect to be in contact with your tutor regularly. Remember, to get the most out of your tutor, you will need to tell them when you need assistance.

Examination Centres:

There are approximately 300 testing centres in the UK, so finding one close by should not be very difficult. In December/January we contact you to start arranging your examination dates. We always try to give whatever help we can with examination information, but the entering of Candidates for examinations and any dealings with the examination centre's are entirely the responsibility of the student.

A Level Examination Fees:

On average A Level examination fees are approximately £20.00 per exam, plus an administration fee which is at the discretion of the examination centre.

Studying from Abroad:

It is possible to study A Level Courses from anywhere in the world. However some courses are easier to study from abroad than others and some restrictions to the type of tuition available apply. If you wish to study an A Level then you will need to sit the examinations in the UK. Please remember that most A Level's have several examinations which may well be spread over several weeks.