

ENGLISH LITERATURE A LEVEL COURSE



Taking our course in **English literature A Level Course** is an excellent way to introduce yourself to a wide range of works of drama, poetry and prose.

On this AQA syllabus, there are six written papers and the course prepares you thoroughly for all of them.

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 Literature AS level syllabus 1740** for examinations in June 2009 and later years. Most candidates will then study the **AQA English Literature A2 level syllabus 2740** for examinations in June 2010 and later years.

This specification is designed to:

- Deliver as much choice as possible for teachers and candidates
- Develop interest in and enjoyment of English Literature, through reading widely and through experience of an extensive range of views about texts
- Encourage candidates to develop as informed, independent readers and critics of literary texts
- Develop personal responses to literary texts
- Offer the support of a consortium leader.

Examinations:

AS

At AS, this specification allows centres to construct a coherent course of study in one of three areas. Candidates study three texts (one of each genre) in detail, plus three texts for wider reading and contextual support.

- Paper 1 – Texts in Context (2 Hours) is 30% of the total A Level marks.
- Coursework – Representation and Language is 20% of the total A Level marks.

The AS Level covers: Introduction to Victorian Literature; Thomas Hardy: Selected Poems; Charlotte Brontë: Jane Eyre; and Tom Stoppard: Arcadia.

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, the specification synthesizes the skills and learning of the whole course. Candidates prepare for a paper containing unprepared passages for close study, comparison and critical commentary on a theme (for the next five years this will be 'Love through the Ages'). In Unit 4, candidates are encouraged to reflect on ways of reading and writing about texts.

- Paper 1 – Reading for Meaning (2 ½ Hours) is 30% of the total A Level marks.
- Coursework – Extended Essay & Shakespeare Study is 20% of the total A Level marks.

The A2 Level covers: Love through the Ages (texts to be confirmed); Literary Connections - Thomas Hardy: Tess of the D'Urbervilles and John Fowles: The French Lieutenant's Woman; and William Shakespeare: Othello

Practical Skills/Coursework:

The AS Coursework comprises two tasks: one on prose text and one on drama text. 2000-2500 words in total. The A2 Coursework is an extended comparative essay of 3000 words.

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 – Selected Poems (Thomas Hardy), Three Victorian Poets (Jane Ogborn), Jane Eyre (Charlotte Bronte), Arcadia (Tom Stoppard), Tess of the D'Urbervilles – (Thomas Hardy), The French Lieutenant's Woman – (John Fowles), and Othello – (William Shakespeare).

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.