

English Language A Level - AQA Syllabus

Key Information

Course Format:
Paper Based Course Materials

Price:
£445.00

Assessment:
2 Examinations & Coursework

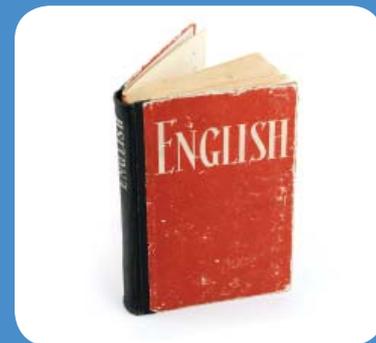
Payment Options:
Spread the cost over 4 monthly payments

Approximate Study Time:
700 Hours of Self Study

Initial Payment of
£205.00

Approximate Delivery Time:
7 Working Days (Courier Service)

Followed by 3 payments of:
£80.00



The **English Language A Level Course** introduces advanced language study and develops a students' ability to write for a variety of audiences and purposes. You will discover linguistic frameworks and how these can be used to analyse and interpret language. This home study 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.

This home study course follows the new linear A-Level 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 20 Tutor-Marked Assignments (TMAs).

Please Note: The course fee includes the marking of coursework from your course tutor, although associated examination fees will need to be paid separately when you register for your exams.

The course is divided into the following modules:

- **Module 1: Introduction to Language Analysis: Language Frameworks**

The following topics are covered: Modes of address: Lexis and Semantics; Modes of address: Grammar and Graphology; Modes of address: Analysing spontaneous speech – phonetics, phonology and prosodics; and Modes of address: Pragmatics and discourse.

- **Module 2: Textual Variations and Representations**

The following topics are covered: Variations in spoken, written and multi-modal texts; Representations - Texts in Time; Representations – Texts in Context; and Language, Power and Identity.

- **Module 3: Language Diversity**

The following topics are covered: Sociolects – Social and Occupational groups; Sociolects – gender and ethnicity; Accents and Dialects – Regional varieties; and Global English – National and International varieties.

- **Module 4: Language Discourses**

The following topics are covered: 'Standard English' : Caxton's Eggs and historical attitudes; Attitudes to diversity and change – constructing identity; Attitudes to diversity and change – positioning and influencing the reader; and Attitudes to diversity and change – future discourses.

- **Module 5: Language in Action: Investigating Language**

The following topics are covered: Identifying an investigation topic/ research questions; Methodology: Data collection and language analysis – transcripts, content analysis and qualitative feedback; Evaluating findings; and Language concepts and writing up.

- **Module 6: Understanding Children's Language Development**

The following topics are covered: Functions of Children's Language Us; Language Development: Phonology and Grammar; Language Development: Lexis, Semantics and Pragmatics; and Comparing development in spoken and written texts.

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- **Module 7: Applying Theories of Language Development to Analysis of Speech and Writing**

The following topics are covered: Genres of children's speech and writing; Modes of communication – spoken, written and multi-modal texts; Theories of Children's Language Development; and Researching Children's Language Use.

- **Module 8: Introduction to Language Change**

The following topics are covered: Diachronic Change and Diversity: Language use from 1600 to present day; Processes of Diachronic Change; Synchronic Change and Diversity: The future of English?; and Evaluating language change in written texts and transcripts.

- **Module 9: Evaluating Language Change**

The following topics are covered: Using language data to evaluate diachronic change; Using language data to evaluate synchronic change; Attitudes to language change: Prescriptive models; and Attitudes to language change: Descriptive models.

- **Module 10: Language in Action – Original Writing**

The following topics are covered: Original Writing Option 1 – The Power of Persuasion; Original Writing Option 2 – The Power of Storytelling; Original Writing Option 3 – The Power of Information; and Producing an Evaluative commentary.

The Syllabus:

Students can study for the AQA English Language 7701/7702 A Level Specification sitting exams in May/June 2019 or later years.

Examinations:

- **Paper 1:** English Language 1 - Language, the Individual & Society (2 Hours 30 Minutes) is 100 marks in total (40% of A-level).
- **Paper 2:** English Language 2 - Language Diversity & Change (2 Hours 30 Minutes) is 100 marks in total (40% of A-level).
- **Coursework:** Language in Action is 100 marks in total (20% of A-level). Students need to produce a language investigation (2,000 words excluding data) and a piece of original writing and commentary (1,500 words total).

Please Note: Coursework Authentication, Marking & Moderation

This A level has coursework which will be marked by your course tutor. Due to Awarding Body changes your tutor will now manage the authentication, marking and moderation of your coursework and operate as the initial entering examination centre. A fee of £110.00 will be required for your exam registration when you are ready to register for the exams (Usually January).

Students will then need to find a host centre to sit their exams and a transfer of entry fee (Currently £30.00) for the switch to a host exam centre. The host exam centre will then most likely charge an administration fee for invigilation (This will vary between centres).

Coursework marking and examination fees have always been associated costs but a single centre would usually be responsible for all fees, but due to the introduction of NEA (Non Examined Assessment) regulations, fees will now have to be split between the entering centre, which will mark the NEA/coursework, and the host centre which will administer the exam.

This essentially means a student completing an A Level specification with coursework will be paying an additional £30.00 for the exam transfer fee plus whatever administration fees would be charged by the host centre.

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Prerequisites:

We will admit Candidates for A Level Courses who have a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade C and above. For English Language this should include English Language GCSE at grade B or above. Students are required to have a good level of spelling and grammar.

Please Note: We cannot accept students who are under 18 years old on this course. We do have an alternative English Literature and Language course option for students who are under 18. Please email us if you require additional information about this alternative course.

Additional Reading:

The following books are required to work alongside your course materials:

- AQA A Level English Language Student Book by Dan Clayton (ISBN: 978-0198334002)

Additional non-essential recommended reading is detailed in the course materials for students who would like further resources whilst completing their studies. We recommend purchasing any books after receiving your course materials to make sure there have been no revisions.

Student Support:

Every student receives a personal tutor with whom they should keep in regular contact. All tutors are fully qualified experienced teachers holding either a Postgraduate Certificate in Education or a degree in education. Most work from home and are able to offer flexible contact times. The tutor will contact students with an introductory letter and a telephone call to help decide on a study plan. They will also let the student know the best ways and times for contact.

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 Freephone 0800 telephone number and most will have Skype capabilities. 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 & Examination Fees:

All distance learning students will sit their exams as a private candidate in a registered school or college. The finding of an examination centre and the booking of exams is the responsibility of the student. In December/January students are contacted and advised to start arranging their examinations. AQA have over 300 exam centres in the UK. Examination officers are available for registered students for advice on finding suitable centres or you can use AQA's Private Candidate Page which details information about being a private candidate and has a search facility showing a small selection of centres set out geographically.

The new Linear format examinations all need to be sat in a single examination window on completion of your studies. Examination fees need to be paid direct to your chosen exam centre. Prices for exams will vary depending on the exam centre's administration costs so it is worth contacting a few centres to compare prices.

Nearest Examination Dates:

Please review the A Level Overview page for detailed information on possible examination dates and procedures.