

Link to exam board specification:

[Edexcel English Literature](#)

Course overview:

This specification is designed to encourage candidates to:

- read widely and independently set texts and others that they have selected for themselves
- engage critically and creatively with a substantial body of texts and ways of responding to them
- develop and effectively apply their knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation
- Explore the contexts of the texts they are reading and others' interpretations of them
- Undertake independent and sustained studies to deepen their appreciation and understanding of English literature, including its changing traditions

Areas of Study:

Students will study these units of work:

Component 1: Drama – students will study the form of drama via two plays, including one by Shakespeare and a second drama text. The plays could be either a tragedy or a comedy.

Component 2: Prose - students will study two texts that are thematically linked, with one text selected from the pre-1900 options.

Component 3: Poetry – students will study a range of poetry from the established literary canon through to the present day. Students will study two selections of poetry, with one selection being a post-2000 poetry text, and the other being with a single named poet or a literary movement.

Non-examination Assessment (NEA) - Students will apply their literary reading skills to two chosen texts. They will engage in wider reading, using independent reading skills and apply research and study skills to their chosen literature.

Course requirements:

Students need to have achieved at least a Grade 5 or above in both English Language and English Literature.

Where can this course take me?

Universities view English Literature as a desirable A Level which develops a wide variety of communication skills. Your ability to think critically, work independently, and the way you are encouraged to express your opinions passionately and persuasively creates many transferable skills. An A Level in English Language & Literature can lead to future careers in law, journalism, broadcasting and the media, HR, management, publishing, writing, and teaching.