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About your course

Courses covered

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<th>Code</th>
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<td>HULIT</td>
<td>English Literature Programme</td>
<td>Q350, Q3W1, Q3U5, Q3P9, Q3P7, Q3W6, Q3R9, Q3T9, Q3V8</td>
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You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

1) As a student on the English Literature Programme you may study English Literature as a single honours subject from your first year onwards.

2) You may also study a number of other subjects in combination with English Literature. The following subjects can be studied as a Joint or Minor with English Literature:
   
   - Creative Writing
   - History
   - Philosophy
   - English Language
   - Journalism
   - Media

You can also study English Literature as a major, with a minor in English Language, Film, History, Philosophy, or a language (French, German, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish).

For minors in English Language or Philosophy, please refer to the English Language programme specification or Philosophy programme specification which can be found on the relevant webpage on the website [www.herts.ac.uk](http://www.herts.ac.uk).

3) Students have the option of studying other subjects from within the School of Humanities, in place of some of their optional English Literature modules during their first two years.

4) **Mandatory Attendance Requirement**

You are expected to attend all of your learning and teaching sessions, unless there is a good reason for you not to do so (for example because of a disability). To find out more about your attendance requirements, including the consequences of not meeting them, please refer to the
Assessment Regulations section of your Programme Specification. Any regular attendance modification will only be made in liaison with Student Wellbeing with appropriate supporting medical evidence.

5) Placement Year/Year Abroad
You can choose to take a Year Abroad or Placement Year before you start your final year, subject to meeting academic requirements and confirmation of a suitable institution or employer. Please see the Programme Specifications for more details. The University will not charge you tuition fees during your Placement Year, but you may incur additional costs, including your travel and accommodation, depending on where your placement is located.

6) Terms and Conditions
The English Literature Programme is designed to offer maximum flexibility, but timetabling constraints may mean that some combinations of modules may be unavailable. Where a clash of modules occurs a students will be asked to choose a different module. Where a module i.e. a self-contained taught unit is under-subscribed, the University reserves the right not to run that particular module and to place students on their “reserve” choice.

Some modules may have minimum entry requirements, such as achieving a particular grade or taking enough modules in the subject to qualify for a final year dissertation.

Academic Year

Academic Year 2020 – 2021
The University’s academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. Normally most undergraduate programmes use Semesters A and B, additionally postgraduate programmes and specific undergraduate programmes use Semester C. Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C).

- Semester A runs from Monday 21 September 2020 to Friday 15 January 2021
- Semester B runs from Monday 18 January 2021 to Friday 21 May 2021
- Semester C runs from Monday 24 May 2021 to Friday 17 September 2021

Expected workload
In the UK, a full time student is expected to spend 1200 hours on their studies each year. Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on this course during each year of study.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Lectures, seminars, tutorials</th>
<th>Independent study</th>
<th>Placement</th>
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<td>Year 1</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>83%</td>
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<td>Year 2</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>Year 3</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>83%</td>
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Method of assessment

The major method of assessment in the English Literature Programme is coursework. Some subjects, such as Creative Writing, are assessed exclusively by coursework. However, most subjects include an element of examination within their yearly framework depending on the exact combination followed. Some modules also include ‘practical’ coursework, which might include individual or group presentations. All language modules include regular in-class tests.

Here is an estimated average of how subjects on the programme are assessed:

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<th>Written Exam</th>
<th>Coursework</th>
<th>Practical</th>
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<tr>
<td>Year 1</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>93%</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Year 2</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>79%</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Year 3</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>84%</td>
<td>6%</td>
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Additional expenses

Undergraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Recommended texts are available in the Library either as ebooks or printed material. Availability of printed material may be limited, so you may wish to purchase your own copies. You may be able to purchase second-hand copies of some texts.

The average spend for recommended texts is between £75 and £150 per year, depending on the subject or subjects taken. Students on work experience modules may need to pay commuting costs.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Mandatory/ Optional</th>
<th>Estimated cost</th>
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<td>Purchase of e-books or hard copies of texts</td>
<td>All levels</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>£120</td>
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