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About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
HUELN	English Language Programme	Q150/Q1Q3/ Q1W1/Q1P9/Q1P7/Q1X3/ Q1W6

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Important points

As a student on the English Language Programme you may study English Language and Linguistics as a single honours subject from your first year onwards.

You may also study a number of other subjects in combination with English Language. The following subjects can be studied as a Joint or Minor with English Language:

- Literature
- Creative Writing
- Journalism
- Media

You can also study English Language as a major, with a minor in Film, History, Philosophy, and English Language Teaching (ELT).

For minors in History or Philosophy, please refer to the History programme specification or Philosophy programme specification which can be found on the relevant webpage on the website www.herts.ac.uk.

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

• Attendance Requirement

You are expected to attend all of your learning and teaching sessions. Any non-attendance will be monitored and you will be contacted to give reasons, supported by evidence, for any absence such as disability, care or health reasons. It is also in your interest to attend all timetabled learning and teaching sessions because research shows that students who attend get better grades and degrees.

If you cannot attend a class, you should contact the class tutor; You should also consult the module Canvas site for any materials that are uploaded there. If you have medical, personal, family, domestic or work-related difficulties that are preventing you from attending, it is important that you tell us about them.

To register your attendance, the electronic attendance monitoring system is used (this involves you scanning your ID card upon entering classrooms and lecture theatres). It is important that you scan your ID card every time you come to class.

- **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.

- **Terms and Conditions**

The English Language 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 student 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 2023 – 2024

The University’s academic year is made up of 3 Semesters (A, B and C). Semester A and B are made up of teaching weeks followed by exams, where applicable (the re-sit period falls within Semester C). Semester C is normally used for final dissertations and projects.

- *Semester A runs from Monday 25 September 2023 to Friday 19 January 2024*
- *Semester B runs from Monday 22 January 2024 to Friday 10 May 2024*
- *Semester C runs from Monday 13 May 2024 to Friday 6 September 2024*

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.

	Lectures, seminars, tutorials	Independent study	Placement
Year 1	16%	84%	0%

Year 2	16%	82%	2%
Year 3	16%	84%	0%

Method of assessment

The major method of assessment in the English Language 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:

	Test	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	6%	0%	89%	5%
Year 2	6%	0%	89%	5%
Year 3	6%	0%	91%	3%

Additional expenses

Undergraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Recommended texts are available in the Library either as e-books 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.

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Residential weekend (limited places available).	All levels	Optional	£145