

# BA(Hons) English Language, Literature and Culture\*



- finished or nearly finished studying a Higher Diploma programme in English Language?
- want to study for another year to get a UK Bachelor's degree?
- keen to become an expert communicator in English?
- then English Language, Literature and Culture is the ideal programme for you.



This one-year programme builds on your studies of English Language, Literature and Culture. It will broaden your horizons with international experience in the UK. Here at Staffordshire University, you have the opportunity to meet students from Britain and many other countries, make friends and network. These social contacts are vital for developing your interpersonal skills and your cultural and language fluency - essential qualities for employment in the modern world.



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## What will I do on the Programme?

You'll be studying a mixture of English Language, Literature and Culture courses, we call them 'modules' during the academic year. The programme covers key language skills that employers value, such as advanced communication skills in speaking and writing, effective presentation skills and thorough research methods. The English Language modules will provide you with relevant language skills for a broad range of careers. Most students on this programme prepare for the Cambridge Proficiency exam (CPE) at the University and go on to take this external exam successfully - a very valuable addition to your CV. Many students on this programme are aiming to teach English and for them we provide the module English Language Teaching Skills. This course develops your awareness of English language teaching methodologies. It looks briefly at the theoretical background to language teaching, but its main focus is on practical classroom skills: lesson planning, resources for language teaching and giving your students the best possible learning experience. In addition, you'll be able to choose from a wide range of modules dealing with culture. These will deepen your understanding of contemporary culture and society in the UK and beyond.

## How do we look after you?

The University has lots of ways of supporting its students. For example, you will have a Personal Tutor who gets to know you and can help you with any questions or problems you have. You can always ask your Module Tutors for advice, these are the people who actually teach your modules. If you have any queries about your programme as a whole, then the person to see is the Award Tutor. The Students' Union can also give your advice on all sorts of things. It organises social events as well and supports a wide range of clubs. And we also offer a very useful Careers Service, which can advise you about career choices. We also have good facilities at the University - a well-stocked library, lots of PCs, Internet access and a well-equipped sports centre.

In addition to all this, international students have a special department just for them - the International Student Centre. Your success and well-being is very important to us in the International Student Centre. We pride ourselves on being friendly and approachable. If you need extra help with any aspect of your studies, just come along and visit us. We can help you with all sorts of things, ranging from extending visas to writing your essay or report. We can also put you in touch with a Student Mentor. A Student Mentor is a student who's been at the University for a while and can tell you important things about student life here from the student's point of view. We've also planned activities to introduce you to your fellow students, your tutors and the University. And during the year, we'll be organising a programme of visits to interesting and exciting places, both near the University and further away.

## What can I do after I graduate?

Those of you who want to teach English will have a flying start when you've finished this programme. But with your advanced English language skills and in-depth knowledge of British culture and awareness of cultural differences, you'll also have a great advantage on the global job market in a wide range of sectors.

What's more, from 2007 you'll be able to stay in the UK for a year to work after you've passed your degree - and you won't even need a work permit. This practical job experience looks great on your CV when you go for a permanent job. Our friendly Careers Service can provide you with a comprehensive service, ranging from introducing job vacancies to giving you training in career skills. You can even book a one-on-one practise job interview and obtain detailed feedback from our career advisors.

If you want to continue your study, you can apply for a wide range of postgraduate programmes. Apart from English Literature and culture-related subjects, the University offers a lot of interesting postgraduate conversion programmes. A conversion programme enables you to study a subject to Master's level in a completely new area thereby broadening your career prospects.

## Entry requirements

- IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL 550 or equivalent
- Evidence of successful academic attainment in English language and Literature equivalent to at least two years study on a British undergraduate programme, eg:
  - China - Higher Diploma (Dazhuan Diploma) awarded by Universities/Colleges on completion of three years study
  - Spain - completion of the Diplomado (1st cycle of university study)
  - Germany - completion of the Vordiplom plus one/two years study towards the Diploma.

## How to apply

If you are applying through a Staffordshire University Partner Institution or Agent:

Send a completed Application form, (available from your institution or agent) with copies of academic certificates, transcripts, references and proof of English language ability, to this address:

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