

SUBJECT: English Literature A2

QUALIFICATION: A2 English Literature

QUALIFICATION LEVEL: Level 3

QUALIFICATION TYPE: Advanced

AWARDING BODY: AQA

CATEGORY:

Qualification Accreditation Number (QAN):

DESCRIPTION

The English Literature course encourages students to develop interest in and enjoyment of English Literature, through reading widely, critically and independently, across centuries, genre and gender, and through experience of an extensive range of views about texts and how to read them.

The A2 course builds on the foundation of AS and both widens and deepens students' literary studies by:

- moving from a defined area of study to the whole of English Literature from Chaucer to the present day
- developing the informed autonomous reader by providing maximum opportunities for choice and the development of students' own interests.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

For Unit 3 (exam) has the theme *Love through the Ages* as its focus. In order to prepare candidates for the examination, teachers need to construct a course of reading and study which spans the centuries and explores the theme as it is expressed through all genres and by both genders. The examination paper will consist of unprepared texts, thematically grouped. Skills of close reading and analysis, interpretation, comparison and the ability to evaluate the influence of various contextual factors will be assessed.

For Unit 4 (coursework) teachers will help candidates to select three texts with a shared theme. One text will be a Shakespeare play; the other two texts will be wider reading texts of any genre. Candidates will write an extended comparative essay on the three texts.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

Grade C or above in GCSE English Language

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HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Unit 3 Reading for Meaning is assessed by external examination

Unit 4 Shakespeare Study is assessed through extended essay coursework

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES?

The course is an appropriate foundation for further study of Literature in Higher Education. It develops analytical and communication skills which are valued by all subjects at University. Careers in law, journalism and teaching are examples of related work paths but there are many more.

FURTHER INFORMATION