

# English Language BA (Hons)

UCAS Code: Q310 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2024/2025

Placement year opportunities available



## Course Overview

Language has a profound influence on the way we see, construct and interpret the world around us. It shapes our identities and culture and can be used to manipulate the way we think. The English Language degree examines a wide range of varieties of English in their social, cultural and historical contexts. It teaches you how to closely analyse texts ranging from everyday discourse to fictional narratives to the language of the media.

Studying English Language provides you with a sound knowledge of how language is structured, how it developed and spread globally, and how it functions both in society and in our minds, but it also equips you with a variety of practical critical and analytical skills. We pride ourselves on offering a challenging and stimulating degree with a wide range of innovative teaching and assessment methods. We place an emphasis on employability through how language is used for professional purposes and the practical and transferable skills valuable in selected careers.

You will be taught by academics who are actively engaged in research and have published in their specialist fields. You will also benefit from the University's Special Collections in the library, home to over 75,000 printed materials and complemented by an environmentally controlled vault that houses rare books and manuscripts from as early as the ninth century, as well as our close links with Liverpool's cultural institutions. With a strong commitment to small-group teaching and the personal development of all of our students, we strive to support you in the pursuit of academic excellence.

## Entry Requirements

This course follows the standard University entry requirements. Please see the website for further information.

## Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2024/2025 are £9,250 for full-time undergraduate courses.

As well as your tuition fees, you also need to consider the cost of key books and textbooks, which in total will cost approximately £200.

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university.

Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence: [www.hope.ac.uk/halls](http://www.hope.ac.uk/halls)

Applicants will need access to a computer if course delivery is switched to online. The University has a laptop lending service if remote study is necessary.



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# English Language BA (Hons) Curriculum

## Year One

The first year introduces you to the major themes in the study of English Language. You will study:

- Language and Society
- Understanding Language
- History and Change
- Language Endangerment, Policy and Planning\*
- Dialectology\*
- Language of Literature\*
- Early Englishes\*

- Processes of Language Change\*
- Stylistics of Narrative\*
- Language Anthropology\*
- Language and Identity\*
- Philosophy of Language\*

## Year Three

In the third year you will continue your examination of language in use in social contexts and the impact that language has. You will study:

- Language and Power
- Digital Humanities
- Honours Seminar
- Research Planning
- Language and Humour\*
- World Englishes\*
- Advanced Semantics\*
- Intercultural Communication\*
- Dissertation\*

(\*single hons only)

## Year Two

The second year continues your journey through language by examining its use and acquisition in different social and functional contexts. You will study:

- Discourse Analysis
- Language and Mind
- Researching Language



## COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, seminars and tutorials. You also have the opportunity to have a one-to-one meeting with your tutor each week.

You will have approximately 12 teaching hours each week with approximately 10 teaching hours in your second and third years.

On top of teaching hours, you will also be expected to spend a number of hours each week studying independently, as well as studying in groups to prepare for any group assessments you may have.

## ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Assessments consist of essays of various types, portfolios, language analyses, learning journals, group presentations and written exams. In the final year, you undertake an independently researched dissertation, or research project, which you also present at an internal Honours Conference.

You will be given written feedback on your assessments, and you will have the opportunity to discuss this with your tutor in more detail.



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