

English Language BA (Hons)

UCAS Code: Combined Honours only (please see website for details)

Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2026/2027

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

The English Language degree at Liverpool Hope University offers the opportunity to explore the structures, histories, and uses of language in one of the UK's most linguistically diverse cities.

From Liverpool's distinctive accents and dialects to the bilingual heritage of Chinatown and the Viking influences of the Wirral, the region provides a rich and vibrant backdrop for studying language.

This English Language course equips you with critical, analytical, and digital skills that are valued by employers worldwide. You will study in small groups with international scholars from diverse fields of linguistics, engage with Liverpool's cultural institutions, and have access to Special Collections, which house rare books and manuscripts dating back to the ninth century.

As part of the English Language degree, students conduct independent research on topics ranging from AI-generated prose to political speech analysis and the history of words. Graduates pursue careers in journalism, law, policing, teaching, education, and postgraduate study, supported by a strong focus on employability, ethics, and sustainability.

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 2026/2027 are £9,790 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

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 look at the way English has developed and changed over time, how it impacts on our everyday lives and how it is used in communication. You will have the opportunity to explore how language choice impacts on textual effects as well examining the choices societies make in relation to supporting marginalised languages.

Example of topics covered:

- Phonetics and phonology
- Morphology and syntax
- Semantics
- History of the English language
- Language choice and effect
- Language policy and planning

Year Two

The second year continues your journey through language by examining its use and acquisition in different social and functional contexts. You will apply your understanding of the structures and properties of language to explore and examine a wide range of ways in which humans communicate across different cultural contexts and what prompts language to change over time and space.

Example of topics covered:

- Language pathologies
- How conversation works

- Language choice in advertising, news and literature
- How and why language changes
- How language differs in relation to culture and identity
- Language philosophies

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 also consider the role of technology in working with language data.

Examples of topics covered:

- The relationship between language and power
- Language corpora and large language models
- How language varies across and between cultures and societies
- The role of language in humour
- How religion is represented in the media and the social impacts this has
- Englishes around the world

Alongside these topics, you will complete a dissertation or research project which is based on your own particular area of interest and your own independent research.

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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