

English Language

(A level)

Overview

English Language is a dynamic course that teaches students to become experts in linguistic and grammatical analysis. You will learn to describe linguistic features using appropriate terminology, interrogate data, make comparisons and connections between texts and evaluate the effectiveness of language. You will develop the skills to read closely, structure extended analytical responses and essays and debate a wide range of issues related to language use.

Prospective students will need to be interested in how language affects all aspects of our lives and be prepared to read a wide range of texts.

Course Outline

Component 1: Language Concepts and Issues

You will study spoken language in a range of situations and genres and explore the ways in which speakers use language and interact. You will also study key language issues and topic areas: Standard and Non Standard English; language and power; language and situation; and language acquisition.

Component 2: Language Change Over Time and English in the Twenty-First Century

You will study how language changes across time through the study of unseen written texts from different periods, linked by genre. You will also study the ways in which language is used distinctively in the twenty-first century and consider how language is evolving to reflect technological and cultural change.

Component 3: Creative and Critical Use of Language

You will produce original writing in a range of genres, and learn how to construct commentaries on your written pieces.

Non-exam assessment: Language and Identity

The non-exam assessment allows you to select an aspect of study that interests you related to the theme of language and identity. You will independently conduct a language investigation to develop your methods of language analysis through research, data collection and interpretation in order to write an extended investigation of 2500-3000 words.

Assessment

Examination (80%)

Coursework (20%)

Examining Board – Eduqas/WJEC.

Special Entry Requirements

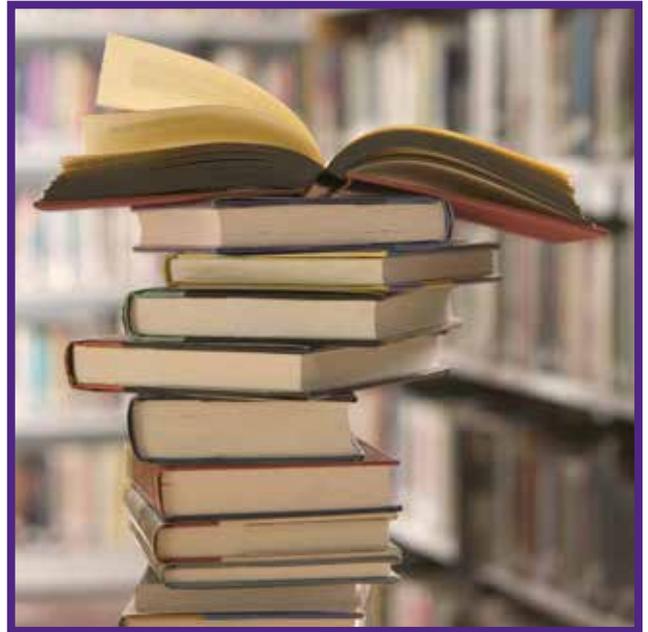
Standard A level entry requirements apply - www.solihullsfc.ac.uk/courses/entry-requirements.

Prohibited Options

Students are not normally permitted to take more than one English course. However, if you are intending to study English at university and have grade 7 or above in both English Language and English Literature at GCSE, you may be permitted to take both English Language and English Literature, but only as part of a four A level programme. Students wanting to do this must therefore meet the entry requirements for a four A level programme.

Career and Progression Opportunities

English Language supports progression to almost any career. The skills and disciplines it teaches with regard to writing accurately for a wide variety of purposes and audiences equip you to function in any career or university course with a high level of literacy and communication skills. It is particularly relevant for careers in media, teaching, journalism, publishing, politics or law.



Cost Implications

There are no cost implications.

Complementary Subjects or Enrichment Courses

English Language goes well with most subject combinations and you may find that skills learnt in English can support you in other subject areas.

Other Information

None.

Examination Results

In the past three years, there has been great success for students on this course, including consistent high pass rates. The full breakdown of results is as follows:

Year	Entry	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	A-E%
2016	81	2	8	26	25	19	1	0	100.0%
2017	110	1	6	29	42	25	6	1	99.1%
2018	77	1	4	15	31	23	2	1	98.7%

Case Study

Among the recent successful students to have taken this course is **Kyaice Hendricks**.

A former Light Hall School student, Kyaice came to the College to study A Levels in English Language, English Literature, History and Mathematics.

She achieved A and A* grades in her A levels and has progressed to the University of Oxford to study English Language & Literature at Mansfield College.



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