

School of Education

BA(Hons) English Language  
and Literature in Education

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The BA (Hons) in English Language and Literature in Education allows you to combine the study of English Language and Literature within the framework of Education.

You will explore a wide range of literary and cinematic texts, as well as linguistic material, using different theoretical perspectives and approaches.

This programme provides ideal preparation for students who want to pursue careers as English teachers, as well as enabling you to progress to postgraduate study in literature and linguistics, or to a wide variety of careers requiring an Arts-based degree.

The course draws on the specialist expertise of lecturers in the School of Education in the areas of late 18th to 21st century literature, drama, film, linguistics, early years, primary and secondary teaching, literacy and bilingualism.

You will also have the opportunity to complete a period of work placement in an educational setting which enables you to put the knowledge and skills you have learned into practice in a real-life setting. You also conduct a research project and dissertation on a subject of your choice in the final year of study.

At Birmingham you will be taught by academics who are working at the frontiers of their subject area to enhance our knowledge of issues such as childhood and education. Our research excellence was recognised in the latest Research Assessment Exercise where we achieved a grade 5, given to research of international significance.

This research influences the teaching that takes place at Birmingham as you are taught by academics who are global experts in their fields, whose research interests directly influence the content of our programmes. Our teaching was also rated excellent by the Higher Education Funding Council for England in their assessment of teaching quality in UK universities.

### Areas of staff research interest

The University of Birmingham has been a pioneer in much contemporary research in English Language and Literature. The ELLIE staff are currently involved with projects and research in the following areas:

- Language and Society
- Language and Education
- Twentieth and Twenty-first Century Literature
- Film Studies
- Gender and Sexuality
- Literacy
- Bilingualism
- Primary and Secondary Teaching

### Facilities

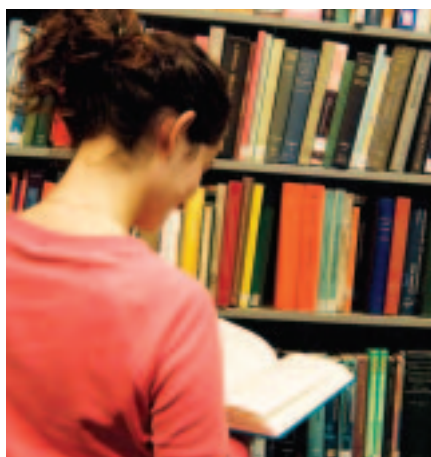
The ELLIE Programme is mainly taught on the spacious Selly Oak Campus. The new Orchard Learning Resource and Teaching Centre is the base for lectures, seminars and workshops. This centre houses a broad ranging print library and offers excellent, up to the minute I.T. facilities in four separate I.T. clusters. In addition, students have full access to the range of facilities on the Edgbaston Campus.

In a unique partnership, the University has recently teamed up with the BBC to establish a 'drama village' on the Selly Oak campus. This partnership will result in a range of unique learning opportunities for our students from writers' workshops, mixing with actors, crew and production staff and the possibility of more formal placements as the relationship develops.

### Academic programme

The programme is composed of a number of compulsory and optional modules in English Language and Literature. These may include:

- Introductory modules in English Literature, English Language and Drama
- Novel in Transition (19th Century Literature)
- Theories of Education and Learning
- Modernism and Modernity
- Coming of Age (20th and 21st Century Literature)
- Post-colonial Literature
- Grammar, Text and Discourse
- Language, Sex and Gender
- Language Acquisition
- Language and Learning
- English in Education
- Introduction to Practical Drama
- Contemporary Shakespeares



This programme seeks to enable students to develop knowledge, practical skills and understanding of English in a range of contexts.

### Career opportunities

English Language and Literature in Education opens doors to a number of career possibilities. The degree facilitates students' development of skills in analysis, critical thinking, communication, oral presentation, professional documentation, group work and the use of information technology. This enables students to go on to work in a wide variety of professions.

### Your questions answered

#### What can I do when I leave?

The programme is extremely advantageous for those who wish to pursue a career in teaching at every level. However, it does not provide students with QTS. Other career destinations include publishing, journalism and other media, public services, law, commerce and a wide range of other professions. Students can also progress to postgraduate study.

#### How much practical work will I do?

There will be a small element of practical work in Drama. In the second year, students do a practical placement module in an educational workplace of their choice. This enables them to gain some professional experience and to critically reflect on their own academic development.

### What grades do I need for ELLIE?

We consider students with a range of qualifications, which typically include: A levels, Access, BTEC, GNVQ and International Baccalaureate. Please contact Student Admissions for an up-to-date points tariff requirement.

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Alternatively check out the University of Birmingham website and research the University thoroughly!

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This leaflet was written several months in advance of the start of the academic year. It is intended to provide prospective students with a general picture of the programmes and courses offered by the School. Please note that not all programmes or all courses are offered every year. Also, because our research is constantly exploring new areas and directions of study some courses may be dropped and new ones offered in their place.