

# English

## Is an English Degree for you?

Do you enjoy reading and writing?

Are you creative?

Are you interested in different aspects of culture?

Do you want to develop skills in independent critical thinking?

If you can answer 'yes' to some of these questions, then a degree in English literature is for you.

The Discipline of English is one of the largest and liveliest in the university. We have 20 members of staff, and over 1000 undergraduate students. We have an average of 45 students enrolled in our taught MA programmes each year, and currently have 38 PhD students. In addition, each semester we welcome over 250 students from overseas.

## How does English at College differ from English at School?

An English degree uses many skills developed in second-level education and it focuses on the enhancement and development of these skills. The English Department gives you the opportunity to deepen your interest in literature and, of course, in the English language by allowing you to explore various aspects of the subject. From creative writing to media studies, from the Old English language to modern American literature, our rich variety of courses allows you to engage with the books that you want to study.

## **Course Facts**

Title: Bachelor of Arts

CAO Code: GY101

**Duration:** 3 Years BA, 4 years BA International

**Average intake:** 1000 (Arts Joint Honours)

**Entry Requirements:** Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 in the Leaving Certificate including Irish, English, another language and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.

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## Did you know

We offer a number of core modules, as well as a wide range of choices for seminar topics. This means that students will have the opportunity to specialise in topics that are of interest to them.

# **Course Outline**

In the first year of the Bachelor of Arts degree, you choose three subjects, and one of these can be English. In Second and Third Arts, you continue with two of the subjects taken in First Arts, one of which can be English. Within the subject there are a wide range of courses, both core and elective.

Some of our special elective courses in recent years have included:

- Contemporary Irish Poetry
- Masculinity and Crisis
- Digital Humanities
- Creative Writing

- Pain & Pleasure in Jacobean Theatre
- African Literature
- Children's Literature
- Medieval Literature

- Introduction to Journalism
- Media Studies
- Literature in the Digital Age
- Science Fiction and Speculative Fiction

# **Career Opportunities**

Graduates will often require a further specialised degree or diploma in order to facilitate their progress in their chosen career.

The study of English provides a base for a wide range of careers. Many of our graduates work in the field of education both at second and third level. English is a flexible subject that provides graduates with many highly valued skills which they can transfer to a variety of occupations.

Graduate opportunities are also available in such varied careers as:

Teaching
Journalism
Public relations
Advertising
Media and film
Scriptwriting
IT design and consultancy
Creative writing

Arts administration
Diplomatic service
Financial services
Computer game design
Publishing
Librarianship
Heritage industries
Communications

# What our students say...



Leigh Jordan

"Studying English at NUI Galway has been greatly rewarding; I found the modules on offer intriguing and multi-dimensional. With its friendly and well-equipped campus there are any number of reasons to choose undergraduate English at NUI Galway."



**Stuart Kilmartin** 

"Studying English at NUI Galway was definitely the most educated decision I've ever made. It's a discipline where the lecturers' passion for their subject is contagious! The help I've received since my first year has made an astonishing difference to my confidence in writing."

## Find out more

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