

ENGLISH: Advanced Higher

Course Title
English

Level Of Study
Advanced Higher

Exam Body
SQA

Length Of Course

1 Year. Extensive independent study will be expected in addition to the time-tabled course.

Introduction

The Advanced Higher English course is quite the best introduction for anyone planning to study English at university. Indeed it affords extremely useful experience for any prospective Arts students. It will also be enjoyed by anyone with an interest in studying literature for its own sake.

You Will Need

At least a B pass in Higher English is recommended.

You Will Learn

- How to write persuasively, critically and creatively. As the course progresses you will acquire confidence in expressing yourself both in discussion and in writing.
- How to go about an in-depth study of a writer and his/her work.
- How to write a dissertation style essay of the type demanded by most university Arts courses.



You Will Do

- **Literary Study.** This involves guided studies of several poets, playwrights and prose
- **Specialist Study.** You will write an essay of 3500-4500 words on a literary topic of your choice. You will be given guidance in selecting a topic, in researching it, and in writing the specialist study. This is regarded by students and lecturers alike as a most worthwhile preparation for university study.
- **Creative writing.** A number of pieces have to be written.

How You Will Be Assessed

As with all National Qualifications, unit assessments have to be undertaken. There will be a prelim in January and the SQA exam itself will be in May. The specialist study mentioned above will also be externally assessed. It will account for 40% of the total marks of the course. The creative writing pieces are also assessed externally.

Career Information

Advanced Higher is, by any standards, a highly prestigious qualification. Though it is not normally *demanded* by universities or employers, both are well aware of the calibre of the few who possess it.