



PARTNERS ACADEMIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

Syllabus for English Literature

Subject Area

This syllabus is for PARTNERS applicants seeking to progress to the degrees of:

- Q306 BA Hons English Literature
 - QQ83 BA Hons Classical Studies and English
 - QV31 BA Hons English Literature and History
 - QW38BA Hons Eng Literature with Creative Writing
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Aims

To allow students to demonstrate their potential to succeed in specified degree programmes by showing a grasp of entry-level subject-specific knowledge, understanding, cognitive and subject-specific skills.

Learning Outcomes

A good knowledge and understanding of ...

- Knowledge of texts in English across different media
- Varieties of writing in English from different periods, places, and cultural perspectives (medieval, 17th C, Victorian, 20th C, and contemporary)
- How language, culture, politics and technology affect the ways texts are produced and read
- The complex relationships between texts, other forms of expression, and their contexts
- Genre and generic conventions

The ability to apply this knowledge and critical understanding to...

- Regular in-session activities including informal writing and small group discussions and work; independent reading; The formative assessment will allow students to consolidate skills and knowledge gained on the programme by writing a university-style essay.

Competence in...

- Independent reading

- Practise critical skills in the analysis of texts across a range of media
 - Engage imaginatively and critically in the reading of complex texts;
 - Exercise and develop a sensitivity to verbal creativity;
 - Argumentation
 - Communicate ideas verbally and in writing
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Summer School Syllabus

Students will be introduced to a diverse range of texts (including fiction, autobiography, magazines, poetry, comics). Indicative topics include: Asian American Literature; Science fiction; Autobiography and fictional autobiography; fan fiction; Young Adult Fantasy; Monster theory and Literature of the Middle Ages; Magazines and comics

Activities for Personal Study

Students will be provided with readings at the start of the summer school. All reading can be done during time allotted for independent study.

On-Campus Teaching:

Sunday 28th (PM), Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th June

Online Teaching:

Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd (AM only) July

Formative Assessment Details

A close reading essay

More details will be given during the event by your Academic Strand Lead.

Hand-in Method

Digital

Assessment deadline

Friday 10th July