COURSE UNITS AVAILABLE IN THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
2017-18

General

Although every effort has been made to ensure that the information provided below is accurate, the English Department reserves the right to vary details set out here from time-to-time.

1. Undergraduate full-degree students from other departments who have not taken a course unit with the UCL English Department before may apply for the following:

   ENGL6001: NARRATIVE TEXTS (1.00 c.u.)
   (Prerequisite for Shakespeare, History of the English Language and all post-medieval courses.)

   ENGL6004: INTRODUCTION TO OLD & MIDDLE ENGLISH (1.00 c.u.)
   (Prerequisite for Chaucer and for courses in Old English and Middle English.)

   ENGL6002: INTRODUCTION TO OLD ENGLISH (0.5 c.u.)
   Spring Term 2018
   (Prerequisite for courses in Old English if not taking ENGL6004.)

   ENGL6003: INTRODUCTION TO MIDDLE ENGLISH (0.5 c.u.)
   Autumn Term 2017
   (Prerequisite for Chaucer and for courses in Middle English if not taking ENGL6004.)

   For descriptions of the above courses see pp.3-4.

   There will be an additional choice of course in this category, MODERN ENGLISH LANGUAGE (ENGL6012; 1.00 c.u.), in 2017-18.

2. Students who have already taken the relevant introductory course (see above) may apply for the following:

   Courses available every year:

   ENGL2001: CHAUCER AND HIS LITERARY BACKGROUND (1.00 c.u.)
   ENGL3002: SHAKESPEARE (1.00 c.u.)
Courses available in the 2017/18 session:

ENGL3005: THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY (1.00 c.u.)
ENGL3006: THE ROMANTIC PERIOD (1.00 c.u.)
ENGL3008: AMERICAN LITERATURE TO 1900 (1.00 c.u.)
ENGL3026: MODERN LITERATURE II (1.00 c.u.)
ENGL3010: OLD ENGLISH LITERATURE II (1.00 c.u.)
ENGL3023: MIDDLE ENGLISH LITERATURE II (1.00 c.u.)
ENGL3011: HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (1.00 c.u.)

Courses available in the 2018/19 session:

ENGL3003: RENAISSANCE LITERATURE 1520-1674 (1.00 c.u.)
ENGL3007: THE VICTORIAN PERIOD (1.00 c.u.)
ENGL3025: MODERN LITERATURE I (1.00 c.u.)
ENGL3009: OLD ENGLISH LITERATURE I (1.00 c.u.)
ENGL3022: MIDDLE ENGLISH LITERATURE I (1.00 c.u.)
ENGL3031: EIGHTEENTH CENTURY LITERATURE (1.00 c.u.)

For descriptions of these courses see the 2016-17 Undergraduate Handbook for our full-time undergraduate students, available at http://www.ucl.ac.uk/english/current-students/undergraduate. Some course descriptions may be updated in the 2017-18 version of the Handbook, which will be online by mid-September 2017.

3. Students applying to do a Course Unit in English will be expected to have A Level grades of at least AAB with an A in English, or an equivalent qualification.

4. Students applying to do course units in English (other than those in Old English and Middle English) will be required to take the Narrative Texts course (ENGL6001) as a prerequisite.

5. Students wishing to take any of these courses must be able to satisfy the English Department that they are free to attend all teaching occasions of their chosen course. A provisional timetable is available from the English Department website, at http://www.ucl.ac.uk/english/current-students/undergraduate. A final version of the timetable will be posted online once room bookings have been confirmed, shortly before the beginning of each term.

(Please note that the English Department doesn’t assign students to seminar groups in the UCL online timetable currently, so students will need to refer instead to seminar and lecture lists on the course Moodle page, and on the English Department notice boards, for locations and times once they have a place on a course.)
6. The majority of these courses are taught by weekly lecture (1hr) and four seminars a term (2hrs). Narrative Texts, Introduction to Old English, Introduction to Middle English, are taught by one lecture and a one-hour seminar per weekly. Old English I and Old English II are taught by two one-hour seminars a week, and Modern English Language, Middle English I and Middle English II are taught by one two-hour seminar a week.

7. Course unit students will be expected to write two essays for their personal tutors in the English Department, one in each of the two teaching terms for any one course. Fulfilment of this obligation is a requirement for passing the course as is a satisfactory attendance record.

8. The Department retains the right to refuse admission to oversubscribed courses. Especially for ENGL6001, ENGL6002, ENGL6003 and ENGL6004, it will be impossible to accept course unit students before the Friday of the autumn term induction week, as these courses are compulsory for first-year BA English students and it is sometimes found that there are no spare places in the classrooms. Students are advised to choose an alternative course in a different department on Portico, and then change to the English course if they gain a place (this is to avoid missing out on a course in another department that may be filled on a first-come, first-served basis).

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

These descriptions are intended to provide a brief guide to the scope and content of courses available to students who have not taken a course unit with the UCL English Department before. Reading lists for all options taught in the Department are available from the English Department Office (or by emailing Anita Garfoot – a.garfoot@ucl.ac.uk).

All courses are examined by three-hour written paper unless it is indicated otherwise.

ENGL6001: NARRATIVE TEXTS (1.00 c.u.)
(Course Convenor: Prof Richard North)

The course consists of the detailed study of 8 texts, covering a chronological range from the 17th to the 20th centuries. Set texts for 2017-18 are listed in the “First-Year Book List” which is available from the English Department Office. Students are encouraged to read the whole of John Milton’s Paradise Lost before the start of the course, and as many of the other set texts as possible. Assessment is by a two-hour written paper.
ENGL6002: INTRODUCTION TO OLD ENGLISH (0.5 c.u.)
(Course Convenor: Prof Richard North)

The aim of the course, which will run in Term 2, is to introduce students to the language and literature of the Old English period through a detailed examination of a select number of texts. As well as introducing students to the themes and contexts of Old English literature, the course also provides detailed instruction in the Old English language, allowing students to engage with the literature in the original. The course focuses specifically on two texts: Seamus Heaney's translation of Beowulf, and the Old English poem, The Wanderer. Details of editions to be used are in the “First-Year Book List”, which is available from the English Department Office. Assessment is by a one-and-a-half-hour written paper.

ENGL6003: INTRODUCTION TO MIDDLE ENGLISH (0.5 c.u.)
(Course Convenor: Prof Richard North)

Taking place in Term 1, this course focuses on the literature of the Middle English period and introduces students to a range of texts written in the later Middle Ages. As well as offering instruction in the Middle English language, the course focuses on the historical, cultural and literary traditions of the period and highlights the diversity and sophistication of Middle English literature as a whole. The course focuses on four texts which will be discussed in detail in seminars; these are: The Miller’s Tale by Geoffrey Chaucer (within The Canterbury Tales of the same author), Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, the final two books of Malory’s Morte Darthur, and the Wakefield Second Shepherds’ Pageant. Details of editions to be used are in the “First-Year Book List”, which is available from the English Department Office. Assessment is by a one-and-a-half-hour written paper.

ENGL6004: INTRODUCTION TO OLD AND MIDDLE ENGLISH (1.00 c.u.)
(Course Convenor: Prof Richard North)

A first-year introductory course to Old and Middle English Language and Literature (as covered in the half units 6003 and 6002). The course focuses on historical and cultural background; introduction to the language; and a study of a selection of texts, the majority of which are read in the original language (see above for further details). Assessment is by a three-hour written paper.
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APPLICATION TO TAKE COURSE UNITS IN THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Please return this form together with the written work you are asked to provide, to the English Department Office, UCL, Room 225 Foster Court, Malet Place, London WC1E 6BT by 4.00pm on Wednesday 27th September 2017. Decisions on applications will be announced by 12.00 noon on Friday 29th September 2017.

Please PRINT details

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YEAR OF STUDY: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

EMAIL ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE/MOBILE NO. during 1st week of term
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NUMBER OF COURSES APPLIED FOR (maximum two) ...........

TITLES OF COURSE/S APPLIED FOR:

1st choice .............................................................................................................................................

2nd choice .............................................................................................................................................

Do you already have a pass in English at A Level, or the equivalent YES/NO

If yes, please give grade .......................  

Please give grades of other A level passes (or details of equivalent qualifications). Applicants who have already taken a course in the UCL English Department should state the course taken and final mark obtained.
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List below your A level texts, if applicable. If you are a mature student, or an applicant with other qualifications (e.g. International Baccalaureat, Abitur etc), please list the texts studied for that qualification.

List six texts (other than those mentioned above) which you have read in the past two years, and attach a short critical appreciation (600 - 800 words) on one or two of them. The text or texts (prose or verse) you choose should normally be English ones. Applicants who have already taken a course in the UCL English Department do not need to provide written work.

I understand that acceptance on any course in the English Department is conditional on my being available to attend all lectures and seminars and there being places available on my chosen course/s.

SIGNED .................................................... DATE .............................................