

Advanced Higher English (Course Code: C824 77)

SCQF Level 7 (32 Credit Points)

Why study English?

Language and literacy are of personal, social and economic importance. Your ability to use language lies at the centre of the development and expression of your emotions, thinking, learning and sense of personal identity.

This course gives you the opportunity to develop skills in reading, writing, analysing, being creative and working very independently.

The skills that you develop in English are useful in a wide range of careers; these include teaching, editorial, journalism, administration, legal work or in the arts.

What do I need to get in?

This is at the discretion of the school/college but you would normally be expected to have attained one of the following:

Higher English preferably at A or B

What will I study?

On this course you will:

- Read thought-provoking literature (e.g. Sylvia Plath, William Shakespeare) and develop critical analysis of character, key themes and literary devices.
- Look at unseen poems, prose and drama scripts and be able to articulate evidenced opinions on them concerning the writer's ideas and use of literary devices.
- Explore creative and/or persuasive writing in order to produce your own portfolio of writing.
- Independently select literature of your own choice for a thematic study e.g. A literary examination of how Tennessee Williams explores the theme of illusion versus reality through the main characters in 'Sweet Bird of Youth' and 'A Streetcar Named Desire' (2500-3500 words)

How will I be assessed?

Course Assessment

The course assessment consists of **four** parts:

- Paper 1 — Literary Study of the texts you have studied in class (20 marks)
- Paper 2 — Textual Analysis of an unseen text (20 marks)
- Portfolio— of writing. This is completed independently across the session (30 marks)
- Dissertation – an independent thematic study of two texts you choose yourself. This is also completed independently across the session (30 marks)

The question papers will be set and externally marked by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved across course assessment.

The course assessment is graded A-D.

Study Materials

- [SQA Past Papers English Advanced Higher](#)
- [SQA Specimen English Advanced Higher Literary Study Question Paper](#)
- [SQA Specimen English Advanced Higher Textual Analysis Question Paper](#) [Ushare Study Resources](#)