

## Course Information Sheet for entry in 2021-22

### Foundation Certificate in English Literature

#### About the course

Covering a range of writing from Shakespeare to the late twentieth century, the Foundation Certificate in English Literature teaches skills in the analysis of literature, including the ability to read closely and to recognise and apply approaches in contemporary literary theory.

Taught part-time over two years, it is equivalent to the first year of a full-time undergraduate English degree. It is modelled on Oxford University's first year programme in English Language and Literature, and is taught mainly by members of the University's English Faculty.

As well as taking part in the tutorials, seminars, and day schools at Oxford University's Department for Continuing Education, you will have free access to English Faculty lectures and the excellent resources of the Bodleian Library.

The course covers a range of English literature from the Early Modern period to the twentieth century. Among the authors usually studied will be Shakespeare, Jonson, Donne, Dickens, Charlotte Brontë, Hardy, Mansfield, Yeats, Joyce and Woolf. Close analysis of works by these and other authors, reinforced by general discussion of modern critical theory and practice, and canonicity, will provide the basis for an enhanced appreciation of the pleasures and problems associated with the serious reading of literature.

The course will consist of three principal elements, each subdivided, to offer a total of six sections over its two-year span. The three elements are:

- i) Approaches to Language and Literature
- ii) Victorian and Modernist Literature
- iii) Early Modern Literature

The course structure can be represented as follows:

	YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO
TERM		
<b>Michaelmas</b> (Autumn)	<i>Section 1: Approaches to Language and Literature I</i>	<i>Section 4: Approaches to Language and Literature II</i>
<b>Hilary</b> (Spring)	<i>Section 2: Victorian Literature</i>	<i>Section 5: Modernist Literature</i>
<b>Trinity</b> (Summer)	<i>Section 3: Early Modern Poetry</i>	<i>Section 6: Early Modern Drama (excluding Shakespeare)</i>
<b>September</b>	Shakespeare Summer School	

Classes usually meet once a week and there are usually ten classes per term.

In addition, there will usually be a summer school of five days' duration between year one and year two, as well as a series of six day schools, usually one per term. Each day school will be linked to the syllabus, usually by its subject matter, though the third will focus on preparation for examinations. Each term you will usually have two tutorials. There are usually no more than two students in each tutorial group.

As well as the time spent in teaching sessions, you will need to spend around 12-15 hours a week studying in term-time. This might include reading, preparing course work, and using libraries.

Most teaching events and the summer school are usually held in-person, but may be moved online, rescheduled or revised if necessary e.g. as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

### **Assessment**

Assessment for the award is through coursework, examinations and portfolios. Candidates are required to submit each of the assessment items below:

- Four examination papers, two on each of the topics below:
  - a. Early Modern Literature
  - b. Victorian and Modern Literature;
- Two portfolios of written work demonstrating critical approaches to language and literature, the first to be of not more than 3,000 words and the second to be of not more than 5,000 words;
- Twelve coursework essays, each of not more than 2,000 words in length.

### **Attendance:**

Candidates are expected to attend a minimum of:

- 80% of the seminars each year
- Four of the six tutorials each year, and
- 80% of the one-week summer school at the end of the first year.

### **Changes to courses**

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out in this course page. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after registration. The safety of students, staff and visitors is paramount and major changes to delivery or services may have to be made in circumstances of a pandemic (including Covid-19), epidemic or local health emergency. In addition, in certain circumstances, for example due to visa difficulties or because the health needs of students cannot be met, it may be necessary to make adjustments to course requirements for international study.

You can find full information under “Changes to Courses” (sections 29 to 41) in the [Terms and Conditions](https://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/mnt/attachments/terms-and-conditions-for-entry-in-2021-2022-for-non-matriculated-courses.pdf) for this course (<https://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/mnt/attachments/terms-and-conditions-for-entry-in-2021-2022-for-non-matriculated-courses.pdf>).

### **Expected length of course**

2 years

### **Annual fees for entry in 2021-22**

<b>Fee Status</b>	<b>Course Fee</b>
Home (UK/Republic of Ireland/ Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£2,938
Overseas (including EU)	£5,031

Course fees are payable each year, for the duration of your fee liability (your fee liability is the length of time for which you are required to pay course fees). For courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. For details, please see our [guidance on likely increases to fees and charges](#).

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (below), course fees do not cover accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also do not cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

EU applicants should refer to our detailed [fee status information](#) and the [Oxford and the EU webpage](#) for details of the implications of the UK’s exit from the EU.

### **Additional cost information**

This course has a study week in Oxford, so you will need to meet any travel and accommodation costs you may incur in attending this week.

You will need a computer which meets our minimum specification, with access to the internet and various other software programmes. Please see the [course webpage](#) for full details.

### **Living costs**

In addition to your fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

For the 2021-22 academic year, the range of likely living costs for full-time study is between c. £1,175 and £1,710 for each month spent in Oxford. Full information, including a breakdown of likely living costs in Oxford for items such as food, accommodation and study costs, is available on our [living costs](#) page. When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2021-22, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

The living costs above are based on single, full-time students living in Oxford. While it may be the case that, as a part-time student, you will not be based in Oxford during your studies, you will still

need to cover your cost of living on a full-time basis. If this applies to you, you should calculate your living costs to be sure that you have sufficient funding to meet these costs for the duration of your course. In particular, part-time students who are not based in Oxford will need to calculate travel and accommodation costs carefully. Please note that living costs outside Oxford may be different from those shown above.

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