

## FdA English Studies

### Full Time // Truro College or Penwith College

Foundation Degree in English Studies provides an exciting opportunity to combine vocational and literary elements of English study with a unique regional flavour.

### Why choose this course?

The Foundation Degree in English Studies contains three main study strands:

1. Literature and Critical theory
2. Creative and practical writing in vocational contexts
2. Cornish identity and culture

The literature element of the course looks at the development of texts from Beowulf to the present day. Study includes aspects of historical literature, considering particular periods or genres of writing such as Romanticism. Cornwall is a special environment in which to study literature and a notable feature of the course is an examination of the way that literary texts contribute to the cultural landscape. Field trips are undertaken and Cornwall's literary heritage, from Defoe to D.H. Lawrence to du Maurier, is investigated.

The practical issues of writing for different purposes, for publication and for personal creative development, are explored through a variety of workshops, modules and visiting speakers. In the second year students study film and there are opportunities to develop skills in media and new technologies as a gateway into a variety of careers after graduation. There is an emphasis upon applied study, so routes into publishing and journalism, teaching and cultural tourism are explored.

This course develops literary study skills in a practical and vocational context. Graduates benefit from a greater awareness, enjoyment and understanding of literature and the unique culture of Cornwall. In the second year students are encouraged to make links between their academic studies and future career opportunities.

Students produce essays, seminar papers, creative writing and display materials. They give presentations and produce work for real audiences. They can opt to take an oral assessment in place of some written tasks. Two modules are examined at the end of the first year whereas the other modules are assessed through a portfolio of work. Part-time route available (up to four years)

### What will I learn?

#### First Year

*Transactional Writing*  
*What is Theory?*  
*Creative Writing*  
*Sense of Place*  
*Identity and Nationhood*  
*Introduction to Literature*

#### Second Year

*Integrative Applied Study*  
*The Victorians*  
*Film Studies*  
*Integrative Literary Study*  
*Romanticism*  
*New Technology and Writing*

## Methods of Study

This course uses a range of methods and approaches. There are conventional lectures and discussions but also visiting speakers, workshops, visits to museums and festivals, practical sessions and presentations given by students.

## What do I need?

24 UCAS points including a minimum equivalency of one A Level, in addition to GCSE English and Maths at grade C/4 or above.

## Where will it take me?

### Employability

One of your modules will include working to a brief which will be provided by a commissioner. This will give you a sense of the working environment and gives you some experience. You will have the opportunity to perform creative writing at Arts Club and submit your work for publication throughout, getting a sense of how the industry works.

### The future

Progression is available to the BA (Hons) English or to the BA(Hons) English and Creative Writing final year at Plymouth University. Please note there is a deadline for progression applications and places may be subject to availability. The course also prepares students for a number of career options in marketing, publicity, press or copywriting. The Foundation Degree in English Studies equips students with the confidence, communication and research skills which are valued by employers in all sectors. Although many of our graduates progress into teaching, other students have used the course as a springboard into successful careers in journalism, publishing and marketing. Other destinations include the Methodist Ministry, storytelling, tourism and management. Several students have gone on to complete Masters Degrees in Creative Writing and hope to develop a career in this field.

## What will I need?

GCSE Level: Normally English, Maths and a Humanities based subject at Grade C or above.

### Together with one of the following:

*A minimum of 24 tariff points at A Level or equivalent Level 3 qualification.*

*Access to Higher Education: Considered on an individual basis.*

Other: Applications from mature students without academic credentials will be considered on an individual basis but must prove they are capable of Higher Education study. Level 3 qualifications achieved in the workplace will be taken into consideration.

National and Advanced Diplomas in a relevant subject are accepted as a progression to a Foundation Degree and HND.

## Additional Information

### Awarding Body

Plymouth University

### Duration

Two years full time, part time route available

## How to Apply

**UCAS Institution:** Truro and Penwith College

**UCAS Institution Code:** T85

**UCAS Course Code:** Q301

**UCAS Course Title:** FdA/EngSt