

Welcome to the University of Northampton.

BA (Hons) English.



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Why study at Northampton?

- Research-led teaching. All our staff continue to research, ensuring your teaching is up-to-date and unique to our programme
- Our publications have been rated world-leading and internationally excellent in recent research exercises
- We cover all the major literary periods from Early English to the present day
- A wide range of module options – explore new topics or specialise in particular areas. These modules are never capped – you are guaranteed your first choice*
- Our tutors are all specialists in the periods and topics they teach
- Detailed, constructive feedback on your work from tutors throughout
- Skills development and vital preparation for life after university



BA (Hons) English course overview.

Entry criteria.

- A typical offer would be BCC at A Level or DMM at BTEC
- Applicants would normally be expected to hold an A Level in English at grade C or above
- If you do not achieve grade C or above you will be asked to complete a written task

Teaching style

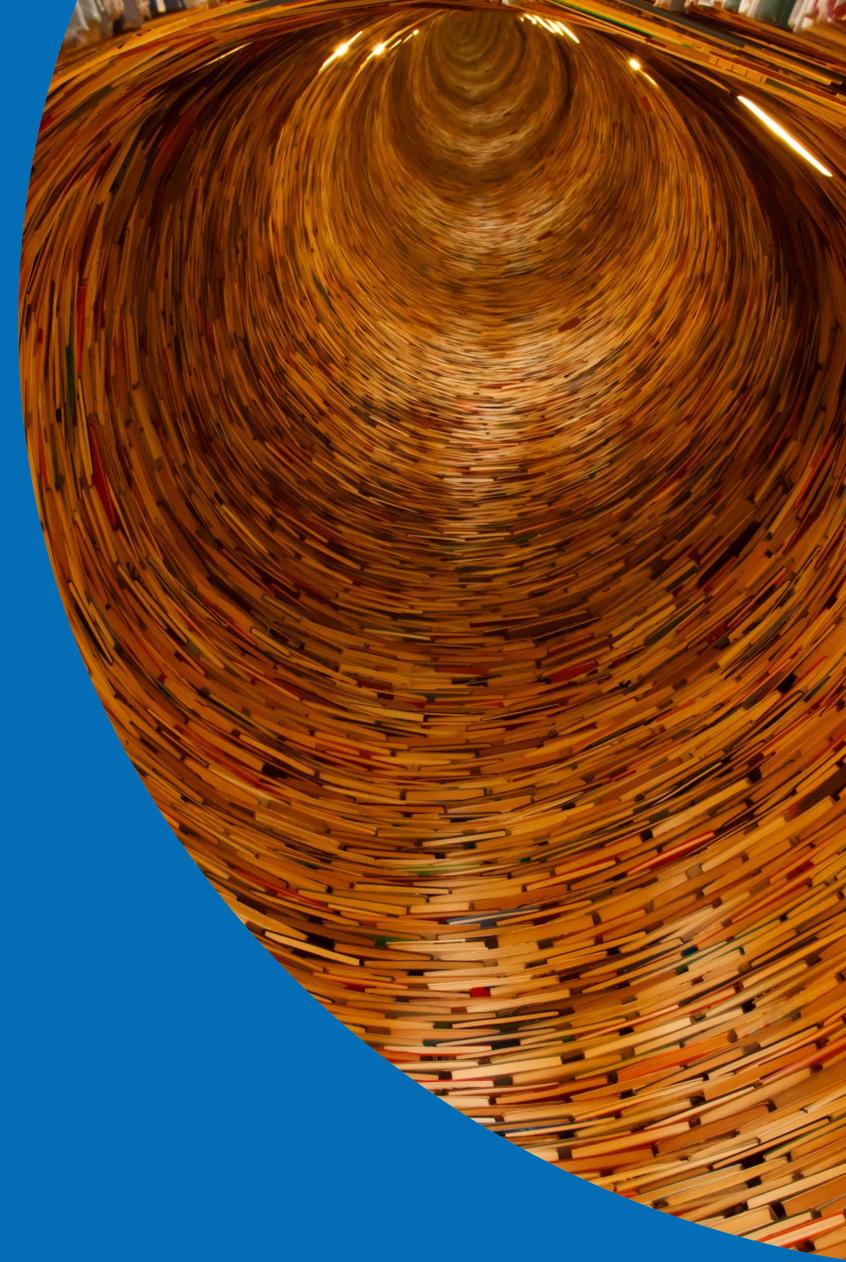
- Small group lectures
- Seminars
- Tutorials
- Workshops
- Independent and group study
- One-to-one supervisions



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What qualities are we looking for?

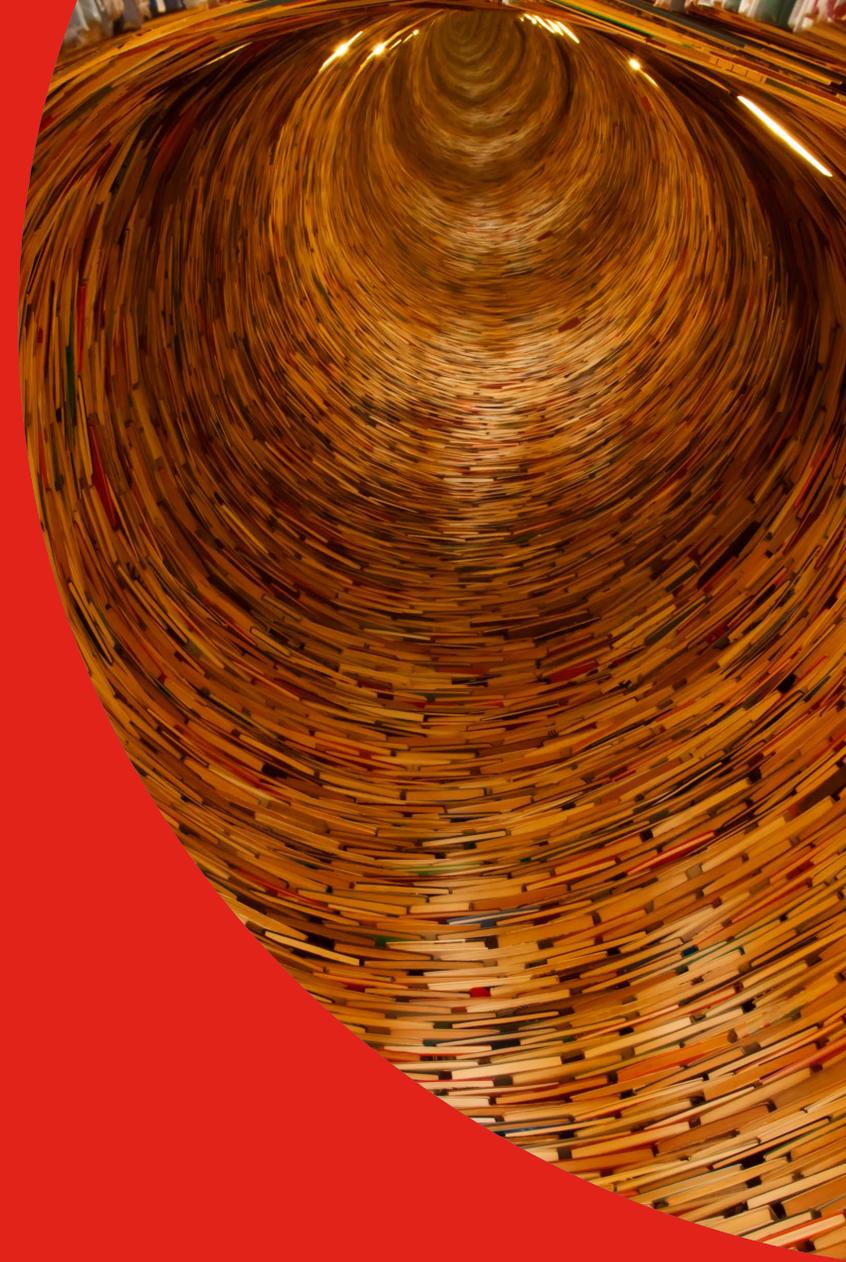
- Intellectual curiosity
- Interest and enthusiasm
- Originality of thought and perspective
- Willingness to contribute actively to discussions and debates
- Willingness to undertake independent research
- Courage to develop an informed personal opinion
- Good written and oral presentation skills



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What are our students reading/writing?

- Novels
- Poems
- Short Stories
- Plays
- Literary Criticism
- Autobiographies
- Graphic Novels
- Diaries
- Letters
- Pamphlets
- Scripts
- Journalism
- Screenplays
- Children's Fiction



Learning & Teaching at Waterside.

- You will study in small interactive group sessions, enhanced by the latest developments in technology.
- Our Learning Hub, the heart of Waterside Campus combines resources, staff and learning spaces that would traditionally be separate.
- Waterside has been designed to give you a personalised learning experience, excellent opportunities to develop your academic experience and life skills.



Stage one.

Core modules

- Reading Literary Genres*
- Identity Under Construction: Late Twentieth-Century Literature
- Creative Reading and Writing
- Life, Liberty and Happiness: Introduction to American Literature
- Language and Creativity*
- Contemporary Shakespeares*

Stage two.

Core modules

- Experimental Literature*
- Thinking English: Reflections, Concepts, Perspectives**
- Victorian Visions*

Optional modules

- Creative Nonfiction
- Contemporary American Fictions: Slavery, Sci-Fi and Serial Killers
- From Blade to Book: Early English Literature
- Sex, Sexuality and Twentieth-Century Fiction
- From Fairy Tale to the Contemporary Child Hero
- Literature and the City
- Professional Writing Project: Northamptonshire***

*Also compulsory for students studying English as a Joint Honours

**Optional module for English as Joint Honours

***Single Honours only

Stage three.

Core modules

- Media English and Culture Dissertation*
- Early Modern Literature: Page, Stage and Screen
- Satire and Revolution: Re-Reading Eighteenth Century Literature**

Optional modules

- Contemporary Women's Writing
- Celebrity, Publicity and American Literature
- Adaptation
- Gothic Worlds 1750-1900

Please note: optional modules run according to student numbers and staff availability.



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Speakers

We have welcomed over 200 speakers over the last five years including:

- Edmund White, US novelist, essayist, biographer and memoirist
- Chris Smith (Baron Smith of Finsbury), the former Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport
- Stewart Lee, comedian, novelist, journalist and author
- Faye Weldon, CBE
- Carole Hayman, dramatist actress, screenplay writer and novelist

Events

- Subject Futures Week
 - Leading figures from the creative industries come to speak to inspire our students and enhance their employment prospects
- Althorp Literary Festival
 - We sponsor this dynamic local festival, run by Earl Spencer at Althorp.
 - English undergraduate students have performed there
 - Featured speakers have included: playwright Tom Stoppard, novelist and screenwriter Deborah Moggach and novelist Edward St Aubyn

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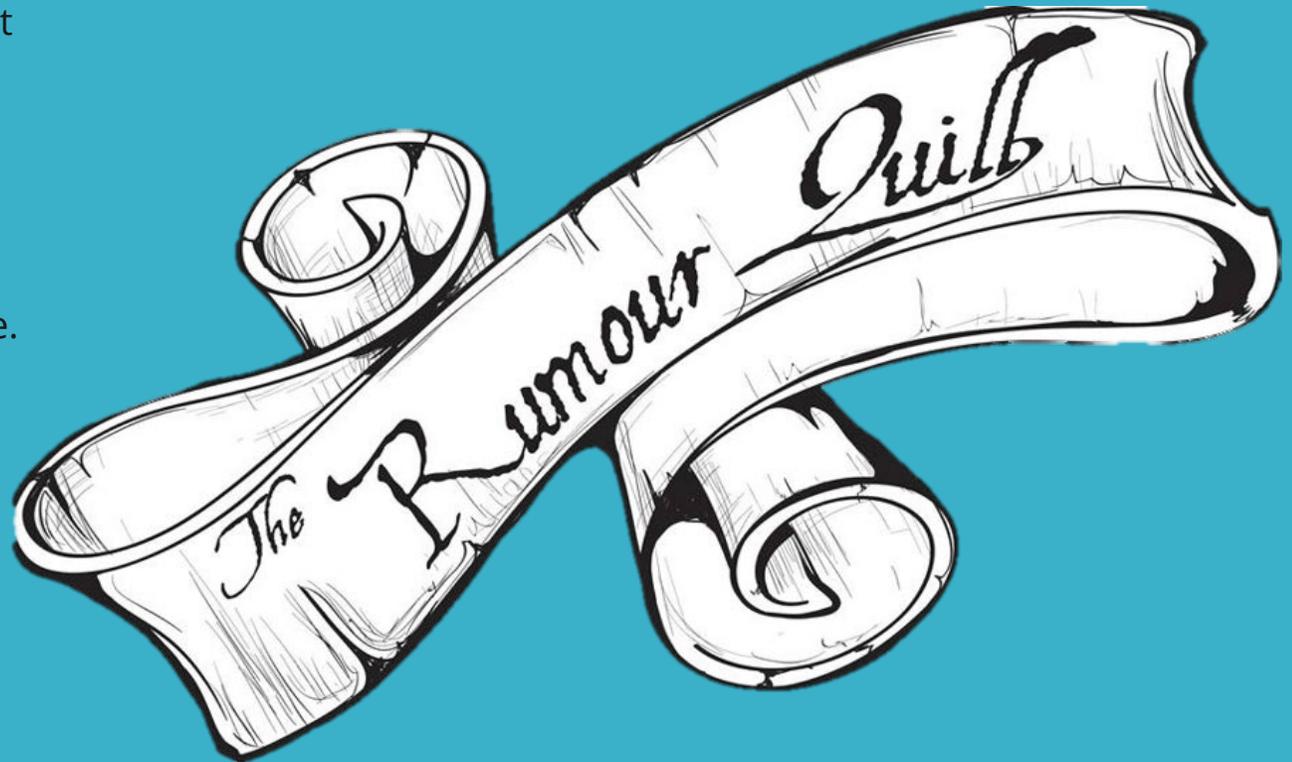
English and Creative Writing Society

Our English students have launched their own student society and social media group for readers and writers.

They organise trips and events throughout the year, so why not get involved?

BBC Radio Northampton Book Club

One of our PhD students runs this. Get on the air and tell the whole county what you think of the monthly selected book title.



Joint Honours

Why choose a joint honours degree?

With a Joint Honours degree you can:

- study two courses, whether they are closely related or completely different.
- your degree may emphasise one subject more than the other, which is a major and minor programme
- you can study your subjects equally, resulting in a joint degree.

How joint honours degrees are taught

Joint honours degrees are taught in the same way as single honours degrees, with 120 credits taught per year, over three years. If you do not want to complete the full programme, you can qualify for a Higher Education Certificate or Diploma if you complete 120 or 240 credits respectively.

Admission to a Joint Honours course is similar to the ordinary undergraduate degrees, so apply through the usual **UCAS** route.

For the most up-to-date information visit: <https://www.northampton.ac.uk/undergraduate/joint-honours/>



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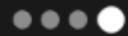
STUDY ANYWHERE

Every full-time undergraduate student starting their first year with us in 2020 will get their own laptop to keep as part of their fee – meaning you can study where and when you like.

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NO EXTRA COST

All sports clubs and societies are free to join at Northampton and every essential course text book is available via the library, meaning you won't have to purchase copies.



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THE FUTURE NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU

If you've not landed a job 12 months after graduating, but completed a Changemaker programme alongside your studies then we'll find you a paid, six-month internship as part of our Northampton Employment Promise.

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FUNDED TRIPS

Many of our courses include trips that'll help you develop new skills, discover new cultures and explore new ways of thinking. We think that's really important. So we fund all travel & accommodation costs on any compulsory study trips.

Support.

We are here for you.

Personal Tutor.

- You will be allocated a personal tutor at the start of the year
- They are there to help you with every aspect of university life
- They'll be in touch at various point in the academic year
- You can arrange to meet them at any time

Money Matters.

- A range of scholarships and bursaries to support you
- Financial Guidance Team on hand to help you with any money queries from student loans to financial hardship, and budgeting to loans

Accommodation.

- Halls of Residence on campus, in the town centre and Boughton Green Road
- Private Sector Officer to give advice and guidance if you're looking to go into private sector accommodation

Health.

- Doctor's surgery on campus
- Counselling and Mental Health Team
- Additional Needs and Disability Support (ASSIST)
- Residential Life Team are there to support and advise students living in halls

Thank you.
Any questions?

