

Undergraduate study

English Literature and Community Engagement



Why study English literature and community engagement at Bristol?

This unique part-time degree, like our full-time BA English, emphasises small-group teaching and gives you an opportunity to study the full range of literature in English, from the medieval period to the present day. You will also run a community engagement project, which may be a reading group or similar, as part of your degree.

Is this course for me?

The diversity of our students makes all our discussions wide-ranging and widely informed. Students range in age from early 20s to late 70s, and come from an exceptionally wide range of social, educational and ethnic backgrounds. Most work full time or part time, a few are retired, and many have family or other commitments.

No previous qualifications are required to apply for this degree. Some students start the course after completing an A-level or Access course, while others have been out of education for up to 40 years.



Part-time study

Gain an undergraduate English degree from the University of Bristol by attending one night a week over six years, plus occasional Saturday schools.



Share your learning

Take your learning into the wider community by designing, running and reflecting upon your own unique community-based project.

Course structure

The first two years are introductory, providing training in the skills and conventions of academic writing and the skills and practices of community engagement. In these two years you will undertake two broad 'ways of reading' units, units focusing on poetry and drama, and units that introduce concepts relevant to using literature in the community. In years three to six you study five period units covering poetry, drama and prose from the middle ages to the present day.

Community engagement

Community engagement projects tend to explore the role of literature, reading, readers and literacy in everyday life and aim to celebrate the diverse roles of reading, stories and literature in contemporary society.

Students are supported by the ELCE Community Partner Network, a group of community-based organisations and civic institutions in Bristol and beyond, who can offer relevant placements or opportunities to co-develop unique projects.

Examples of community engagement projects

- The LGBT Reading Group Gloucestershire
- Sixth Form Poetry Club
- Age UK Reading Group

Course

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Find out more

Entry requirements, course structure and units
bristol.ac.uk/ug2021-elce



'I love the course.
It opens your mind
to what you can get
out of a book... It could
open your eyes to what
studying can do.'

ELCE Graduate

