

English Language and Literature

University of Edinburgh

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Central Campus

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Year 1:

You will take our carefully designed introductory course, which introduces you to different aspects of the English language and teaches you the relevant principles of linguistics to permit the analysis of written and spoken English.

If you are studying English language as part of a joint honours degree you will also take courses from your other subject area.

Year 2:

You will take four further semester-long courses (two in the case of some joint honours degrees) looking at linguistic theory and research techniques, the structure of spoken and written English, and at the patterns of linguistic change as it has occurred in and beyond the UK.

Year 3:

You can start to specialise and choose the topics that interest you most. Courses available at this level include Reading Old English, Dialects of Britain and Ireland, Global Englishness, Modern English Word Formation, and many more.

Year 4:

You will continue to choose specialist modules according to your interests.

You will also take a specialised research training course before starting your honours dissertation, regarded by many as the most formative experience of their undergraduate career.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

MA Hons

UCAS Code

Q300

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Department

Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements

Standard entry:

4 Highers at AAB (first sitting) or 4 Highers at AAB (two sittings) including English.

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at ABBB (two sittings) including English. Highers at BBB must be achieved in one sitting.

SCQF Level

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Progression Routes

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