

## English Language

"From babies' babbling to media empires: understanding how language works is crucial. Come and learn how to analyse language, and apply your knowledge to real world problems and puzzles."

Our English Language degree programmes look at ways of analysing language knowledge and language use across contexts and time. We look at:

- how language is used in everyday communication including in different contexts;
- how language has developed over time;
- how we learn our first language and subsequent languages;
- how language operates in bilingual contexts;
- how we produce and understand language in real time, and how the underlying language system works for sounds and grammar.

We relate this to real world issues with crucial impacts on individuals and communities. These include the use of language to persuade and mislead (particularly in social media); the effect of dialect and accent on identity and communication; the challenge of learning or teaching new languages. Opportunities offered to students on our degrees include the chance to obtain an internationally recognised, professional teaching qualification (Cambridge CELTA) subject to academic progression and interview, and the chance to spend a semester or a year studying abroad.

"Students have the opportunity to participate in a suite of career-preparation activities. These include work placements, Q&A sessions with industry representatives, and engagement with real world problems in which language is a central issue. The Swansea Employability Award enables students to formally record their extra-curricular activities."

'Together with English Literature, we are ranked 7th in the UK within the recent Research Excellence Framework exercise (REF 2014), gaining a score of 100% for the social impact of its research activities.'

### Our Degrees/Courses

"Our degrees are for students who wish to deepen and extend their understanding of how language works as a code for thoughts and concepts, how it relates to our other cognitive functions, and the complex ways in which we shape the way we use it, depending on our purpose and our identity."

#### Single Honours:

English Language  
(3 years: Q310 or 4 years: Q311)  
English Language & TESOL  
(3 years: QX33 or 4 years: QX00)

#### Joint Honours:

English Language & Media  
(3 years: PQ91 or 4 years: PQ00)  
English Language & English Literature  
(3 years: QQ31 or 4 years: QQ3D)  
English Literature and TESOL  
(3 years: QXH3 or 4 years: QX01)

#### Degrees available with a year abroad (4 years)

English Language & French (4 years) QRJ1  
English Language & German (4 years) QRJ2  
English Language & Italian (4 years) QRJ3  
English Language & Spanish (4 years) QRJ4  
TESOL & French (4 years) RX13  
TESOL & German (4 years) RX23  
TESOL & Italian (4 years) RX33  
TESOL & Spanish (4 years) RX43

## Study and Courses

In the first year (Level 1) you are introduced to the tools used to describe the language on the level of structure and sounds, meaning and discourse. Additional options include Language Teaching Methodology, a modern foreign language or modules from English Literature or Media Studies.

In the second and third years, your studies can include Psycholinguistics, First and Second Language Acquisition, Sociolinguistics, Discourse Analysis and a variety of applications of Linguistics. Optional modules can be taken in literature, media, foreign languages or TESOL.

In the final year you have the option of writing a specialised, supervised Dissertation of a topic of your choice. Your knowledge and understanding of language use, language learning and of English are developed and applied to more specialised levels, including relevant applications of ICT.

The following is a list of some of our modules: Studying the English Language; The Sounds of English; Language Teaching Methodology; Psycholinguistics; Discourse Analysis; Teaching English as a Foreign Language; Individual Research Project; First Language Acquisition; Second Language Acquisition; Language in the Media; Issues in Current ELT; Prehistory, History and Language.

## Study Abroad

During their second year, English students have the opportunity of studying abroad for a semester in USA, China/Hong Kong, New Zealand, South Korea Four-year degree (year abroad): Australia, Canada, France, Germany.

### Swansea University Open Days

**Saturday 14th October 2017**  
**Saturday 28th October 2017**

*"Every lecturer is very approachable and helpful. You can just go to their office hours and ask for help if you're stuck on an assignment and they will do everything they can to help you. They're also very knowledgeable and passionate about their subjects, which in turn inspires and motivates students."*

*Anina Kinzel, BA English Language*

## Entry Requirements

Our standard entry requirement is BBB (UCAS tariff points 120) or equivalent. All offers are made following a review of the application form, predicted/achieved grades and subjects, the reference and personal statement. We also accept a range of advanced level qualifications including BTEC Diploma DMM; International Baccalaureate 32; Welsh Baccalaureate - grade equivalent to A-level; Access to Higher Education and Open University qualifications, and Extended Project. For applicants whose first language is not English, we require a minimum IELTS score of 6.0.

## Scholarships/Bursaries

Swansea University has a range of scholarships and bursaries to help finance your studies.

For further information please visit:  
[www.swansea.ac.uk/scholarships/](http://www.swansea.ac.uk/scholarships/)

## Disclaimer

This brochure was printed in the spring of 2017. It contains information on the undergraduate programmes that Swansea University intends to run for students who are planning to start university in the autumn of 2017. We have made every reasonable effort to ensure that the information provided is both helpful and accurate as at the date of publication. However, some changes, for example to programmes, study location, placement opportunity, facilities or fees may become necessary due to legitimate staffing, financial, regulatory and academic reasons. We will endeavour at all times to keep any changes to a minimum and to keep prospective students informed appropriately. Any changes to the information contained in this prospectus will be updated quarterly on the online course pages at: [www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses](http://www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses)

## Graduate Employment

"Our English Language graduates are trained in skills valued by employers, including critical evaluation, language analysis, effective communication, and the ability to understand the complex relationships between language, culture, power, persuasion and identity. Our graduates enter careers in education, communications and media, publishing, speech and language therapy, management, public services, and a broad range of other domains. Many students choose to extend and expand their studies through postgraduate programmes at Swansea or elsewhere."



The College of Arts and Humanities is located in the traditional Singleton Park campus at Swansea University. Swansea University is ranked in the UK top-20 for student satisfaction (NSS 2017), in the UK top-30 for graduate employment/ further study (all UK league tables) and is a global 5 star rated institution for excellence (QS Stars 2017). The University Sports Village offers student athletes a state-of-the-art training environment and the outstanding natural environment provides students with a host of opportunities to pursue an active lifestyle. The cost of living and accommodation costs are low in Swansea. Swansea University has one of the best records in the UK for facilitating access to higher education for disabled students. Students with disabilities are allocated on-campus suitable rooms.

For further information visit:  
[www.swansea.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.swansea.ac.uk/accommodation)

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