

“HAVE MORE
THAN YOU SHOW,
SPEAK LESS
THAN YOU KNOW.”
-William Shakespeare, King Lear

Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) Courses 2018

English Language and Literature

The Department of Education, within the School of Education and Social Work, is delighted to announce its new enhancement course for English Language and Literature in the academic year 2018. We have extended our range of courses to facilitate and improve preparation and successful entry to English Initial Teacher Education courses (including PGCE, SD, SD salaried and SCITT). This leaflet outlines the aims and minimum requirements for our courses.

12 or 24 Week Subject Knowledge Enhancement in English Language and Literature – NCTL funded

Boost your subject knowledge and re-ignite your excitement for what English has to offer by immersing yourself fully in English Literature plays, prose and poetry; English Language, in addition to Literary Theory through a blend of reading, online discussion and seminars at university. The courses available will enable you to teach Key Stage 3 and 4 English Language and Literature, in addition to an introduction to 'A' Level teaching.

SKE bursaries will be applicable from the April onwards and will cease in the second week of September when the PGCE bursaries begin, although teaching will extend into the Autumn term (September and October).

The English course includes ongoing independent learning materials enabling both a knowledge of content, in addition to how to teach English Language and Literature in UK Secondary schools. The SKE course is undertaken in two parts: Initially from April or May to September, learning is completed mainly independently through reading and online courses. We can also offer further observation in schools for those who need it.

This learning is then blended with intensive sessions which are offered at the university campus in July and early September. Once your teacher training begins, you will have regular English sessions to look at practical ways of teaching. An optional residential field trip to Stratford-upon-Avon is included in July.

Delivered by subject experts and experienced practitioners who ensure that English Language and Literature learning is always related to teaching in schools, you will learn different approaches to reading, writing and speaking and listening, deepen your understanding of critical theory and improve your English knowledge alongside like-minded people. Modules include: Introduction to Dickens, Approaches to Romantic Poetry, Creative Writing, Non-fiction, An Introduction to Shakespeare; Grammar for Writing and The Gothic Novel.

The course is assessed continually using a variety of different methods. Until May, the regular subject knowledge audits, an individual reflective diary, and your input on our Virtual Learning Environment will show your progress.

Short Courses run:

April 2nd - July 27th 2018 (open to external applicants)

May 7th 2018 – August 31st, 2018 (open to external applicants)

June 4th 2018 – September 28th (internal only)

July 2nd – October 26th (internal only)

Long Courses run: (open to Sussex ITE Trainees only)

April 2nd - September 28th 2018

May 7th 2018 - October 26th 2018

All courses are 25 hrs a week; July is a taught course including optional residential.

Minimum requirements:

- A passion for English literature and language (i.e. you will be a keen reader of fiction and other genres)
- A good honours degree, preferably with an English component or with additional relevant experiences, e.g. TEFL, English teaching, work in publishing, or an 'A' Level in English Literature or Language

SKE COURSE CONDITIONS

To be eligible for NCTL funding you must:

- have been recommended for an SKE course by your ITE provider as a condition of your Initial Teacher Education (ITE) place. Written evidence required.
- have a confirmed place on an ITE programme starting September 2018.
- **not** have previously attended any other NCTL-funded SKE course.

NCTL FUNDING

SKE students* receive a tax-free bursary, dependent on regular attendance and progress of £200 (tax free) a week up until Sept 1st (not for Sept and Oct)

There are no fees for this course.

NB: Only one bursary can be paid at a time to either SKE or PGCE.

APPLICATIONS & ENQUIRIES

Application forms are downloadable via
www.sussex.ac.uk/education/ite/

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