



Choosing English A: Literature OR English A: Language & Literature

Both Literature AND Language & Literature:

- are about how writers and creators of texts generally craft, structure, style and shape their ideas;
- include written course work, examinations and a wide variety of activities involving responses to texts in the classroom;
- encourage and require students to read widely and often, and promote deep reflection on global issues of relevance to them;
- provide many opportunities for discussion, debate as well as formal and informal presentations; demand close and responsive independent reading of texts;
- are suitable courses for a range of interests, further studies, careers and lifestyles: journalism, law, medicine, engineering, advertising, marketing, business, education, architecture, film-making...

The choice you make depends upon which column suits you:

<u>Literature IS:</u>	<u>Language & Literature IS:</u>
about human experience as expressed through literary texts, like poems, novels, plays;	about human experience as expressed through both literary and non-literary texts;
about who we are, our world and beliefs and how literary texts can represent or misrepresent our truths as well as provide a personal/social mirror or provoke change;	about the crucial role language plays in communication , reflecting experience and about students' own roles as producers of language, developing their productive skills.
a course that platforms the appreciation of art in all its forms and insists on the exploration of the beauty or artistic experience of reading and the art of writing ;	a course that examines function, use and response to the language of our world, including a literary response , and insists on the understanding of contexts and reader/viewer/listener reception ;
linked to a number of contemporary texts , as well as 'classic' material;	focused on contemporary and future trends in all forms of communication, including purely visual texts;
a course that provides a key section on works in translation , with consideration of writers, culture, time, place and universalities;	a course that provides study of works in translation and focuses on texts in their contexts (in relation to writers, ideologies, political and social influences);
suitable for students who enjoy reading and responding to a wide range of literature.	suitable for students who are curious about how our understanding of the world is shaped by all the texts we are exposed to.

<u>Literature is DEFINITELY NOT:</u>	<u>Language & Literature is DEFINITELY NOT:</u>
only the study of Shakespeare and writers like that;	the study of grammar and spelling to improve your accuracy;
harder than Language and Literature, because you have to read more.	easier than Literature, because you don't have to read as much.
Literature is meant for those who are particularly curious about how literary texts shape, represent, manipulate, communicate, dictate, empower, disempower, transform, connect, divide...	Language & Literature is meant for those who are curious about how the use of language in a wide range of texts shapes, represents, manipulates, communicates, dictates, empowers, disempowers, transforms, connects, divides...