BA Classical Studies and English

Awarding Institution: Teaching Institution:

Relevant QAA subject benchmarking group(s):

Faculty of Arts and Humanities
For students entering Part 1 in 2003
Programme Director: Dr Barbara Goff

Programme Director: Dr Barbara Goff Programme Advisor: Dr. Stephen Thomson

Board of Studies: Classics and Ancient History and SEAL

Accreditation: not appropriate

The University of Reading The University of Reading Classics & Ancient History; English Programme length: 3 years

UCAS code: QQ38

Date of specification: January 2004

Summary of programme aims and learning outcomes

This is a multi-disciplinary programme which aims to provide students with subject specific knowledge and more general skills, including knowledge of a variety of different kinds of English texts and Classical literature, art, philosophy, and their reception in modern culture, as well as perspectives on different methods of critical analysis. The programme also aims to foster an independent approach to formulating problems and arguments, using the close reading and analytical skills that are fundamental to both disciplines. There is provision for the development of students' specific interests through independent study for the dissertation.

Transferable skills

The University's Strategy for Teaching and Learning has identified a number of generic transferable skills which all students are expected to have developed by the end of their degree programme. In following this programme, students will have had the opportunity to develop their skills relating to career management, communication (both written and oral), information handling, problem-solving, team working and use of information technology.

On completion of this programme, students are expected to have developed a range of transferable skills including: fluency in writing and oral communication, the ability to formulate and evaluate their own arguments and those of others, to translate subject-specific knowledge and skills to new environments, the ability to find and use relevant information resources, to manage their time effectively, and use basic word-processing and IT skills; the ability to work cooperatively with others; and the ability to enhance their skills in relationship to career management.

Programme content

Each Part of the degree programme comprises 120 credits. In Part 1, students must take 60 credits in English, and at least 40 credits in Classical Studies; the remaining 20 credits may be made up from Certificate-level modules in Classical Studies or available elsewhere in the University. In Parts 2 and 3 students must normally take 60 credits each year in each Department, but, in consultation with their programme adviser, they may choose to take up to 20 credits each year from modules available elsewhere in the University.

Not all optional modules will necessarily be available every year. Admission to optional modules will be at the discretion of the Programme Director.

Part 1 (three terms) Certificate level		Credits	Level
In English			
Compulsory mo	dules		
EN1LL	Languages of Literature	20	C
EN1RS Revisioning Shakespeare		20	C

EN1WKT	What Kind of Text is This?	20	C
In Classical Stud	dies		
Compulsory mod	ules		
CL1CA	Greek & Roman Civilisations A: Fifth Century Athens	20	C
CL1CB	Greek & Roman Civilisations B: Rome in the	20	C
	Augustan Age		
Optional module.	S		
CL1GRF	Greece and Rome on Film	20	C
CL1BG/AG	Beginners or Advanced Greek	40	C
CL1BL/AL	Beginners or Advanced Latin	40	C
Dayt 2 (three tor	ma) Intermediate level	Cuadite	Laval

Part 2 (three terms) Intermediate level

Credits Level

In English

Students choose three modules in Part 2, at least one in the Autumn and one in the Spring terms. At least one module must be an asterisked module.

Autumn Term			
Group A		• •	
EN2CMN	Renaissance Texts & Cultures*	20	I
EN2 RTC	Modernity and Cultural Crisis (Poetry)	20	I
EN2RR	The Eighteenth Century	20	I
Group B			_
EN2WW1	Chaucer and Medieval Narrative*	20	I
EN2 MC1	Women's Writing and Feminist Theory 1	20	I
EN2WAI	Writing America 1	20	I
Group C			
EN2SH1	Renaissance Drama*	20	I
EN2NCN	Nineteenth-Century Novel	20	I
EN2LCT	Literary Criticism & Theory	20	I
EN2OE	Introduction to Old English*	20	I
Spring Term			
Group A			
EN2LV	English Renaissance Epic*	20	I
EN2ERE	Modernity and Cultural Crisis (Prose)	20	I
EN2SH2	Romantics to Decadents	20	I
Group B			
EN2RD	<i>Lyric Voices 1340 – 1650*</i>	20	I
EN2MC2	Women's Writing and Feminist Theory 2	20	I
EN2MDR	Writing America 2	20	I
Group C			
EN2WW2	Shakespeare *	20	I
EN2WA2	Modern Drama	20	I
EN2FN	Film Narrative	20	I
In Classical Stu	idies:		
Compulsory mod	dules		
CL2AE	Ancient Epic	20	I
CL2GD	Greek Drama	20	I

And 20 credits taken from the following optional modules:

CL2SS	Study Skills	10	I
CL2LS	Literary Skills	10	I
CL2LP	Roman Love Poetry	20	I
CL2EG	Egypt and Greece	20	I
CL2AM	Greek and Roman Medicine	20	I
CL2AP	Greek and Roman Painting	20	I
CL2AS	Greek and Roman Sculpture	20	I
CL2RL	Religions of the Roman World	20	I
CL2CM	Classical Mythology	20	I
CL2GH	Greek History	20	I
CL2RR	Roman Republic	20	I
CL2RE	Roman Empire	20	I
CL2EG	Greek Lyric Poetry	20	I
CL2PS	Plato	20	I
CL2EP	Early Greek Philosophy	20	I
CL2BG	Beginners Ancient Greek II	20	I
CL2IG	Intermediate Ancient Greek II	20	I
CL2AG	Advanced Ancient Greek II	20	I
CL2BL	Beginners Latin II	20	I
CL2IL	Intermediate Latin II	20	I
CL2AL	Advanced Latin II	20	I
CL2LL	Later Latin Authors	20	I

Students may take IWLP Modern Greek in place of one I level module.

Of the 120 credits in Part 2, 5 are taken up by Careers Management Skills.

Students may choose to replace one 20 credit intermediate module from English or Classics *either* with a module or modules totalling 20 credits from outside the programme, *or* with:

EN2CWA	Communications at Work	20 I	[
--------	------------------------	------	---

Part 3 (three te	rms) Honours level	Credits	Level
Compulsory mod	dule		
CL3DE	Joint Dissertation	40	Н

In English

Students choose two optional 20-credit modules, one in each term, to make a total of 40 credits, from an approved list. (NB. Not all these options will necessarily be available in any one year. Admission to optional modules will be at the discretion of the Programme Director).

EN3AF	American Fiction: Chopin to Carver	20	Н
EN3	Arthurian Literature: Malory to T.H. White	20	Н
EN3AP	American Poetry: Bishop to Dove	20	Н
EN3BH	Book History: Clay Tablets to Computers	20	Н
EN3BIP	Contemporary British and Irish Poetry	20	Н
EN3BY	Byron and Byromania	20	Н
EN3BPD	Post-War British Political Drama	20	Н
EN3CD	Contemporary Drama	20	Н
EN3CE	Colonial Explorations	20	Н
EN3CF	Contemporary Fiction	20	Н
EN3CGS	Contemporary Gothic: Screen	20	Н
EN3CGT	Contemporary Gothic: Text	20	Н
EN3CL1/2	Children's Literature	20	Н
EN3CWF	Canadian Women's Fiction	20	Н

EN3DD	Decadence and Degeneration: Literature of the 1890s	20	Н
EN3DF	Detective Fiction	20	Н
EN3DIC	Dickens	20	Н
EN3EMF	E.M. Forster	20	Н
EN3EMP	'For Profit and Delight': Early Modern Poetry	20	Н
	Collections		
EN3ETW	Elizabethan Travel Writing	20	Н
EN3FI	Fictions of India	20	H
EN3GDN	Gothic Dreams and Nightmares	20	Н
EN3HF	Holocaust Fiction	20	Н
EN3HJ	Henry James	20	Н
EN3HP	Harold Pinter	20	Н
EN3HS	Horrid (S)laughter on the Seventeenth-Century Stage	20	Н
EN3JA	Jane Austen and The Courtship Novel	20	Н
EN3JAF	Jewish American Fiction	20	Н
EN3LA	Literature of Adultery	20	Н
EN3LEC	The Roots of Romanticism: Later Eighteenth-Century Poetry	20	Н
EN3LTT	Literature of 'The Troubles'	20	Н
EN3MA	Margaret Atwood	20	Н
EN3MDN	Medieval Dream Narratives	20	Н
EN3MID	Modern Irish Drama	20	Н
EN3MSF	Modern Scottish Fiction: Form Jean Brodie to	20	Н
	Trainspotting		
EN3MPP	Marvell, Poetry and Politics in the Mid-17 th Century	20	Н
EN3NAW	Writing the North American Wilderness	20	Н
EN3NMW	The Novel in the material World	20	Н
EN3OEL	Introduction to Old English Literature	20	Н
EN3OE2	Old English 2	20	Н
EN3PBS	Revolutionary Romantics: Shelley and his Successors	20	Н
EN3PCE	Popular Culture in Early Modern England	20	H
EN3POL	Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Political Fiction	20	Н
EN3PR	The Pre-Raphaelites	20	Н
EN3PSY	Psychoanalysis	20	Н
EN3QT	Queer Theory	20	Н
EN3RG	The Roots of Gothic: 1580-1765	20	Н
EN3RWW	Renaissance Women Writing	20	Н
EN3SBP	Samuel Beckett's Plays	20	Н
EN3SC	Savagery and Civility: Edmund Spenser and Ireland	20	Н
EN3SCF	Subcultural Fictions The Literature of Sciences	20	Н
EN3SCI	The Literature of Science	20	Н
EN3SF	British Science Fiction Shahamagua and Condon	20	Н
EN3SHG	Shakespeare and Gender	20 20	Н
EN3SHH	Shakespeare and History Shakespeare and his Contamporaries in Performance	20	H H
EN3SHP EN3SHR	Shakespeare and his Contemporaries in Performance	20	п Н
EN3SLA	Shakespeare and Romance Perspectives on Slavery	20	п Н
EN3SLA EN3SV	Spectacle and Violence on the Elizabethan Stage	20	п Н
EN35V EN3TA	Text and Audience in the Late-romantic Period	20	п Н
EN3TH	The Third The Late-romantic Period Thomas Hardy	20	п Н
EN3TTC	From Troy to Camelot: Medieval Romance	20	H
EN311C EN3VSN	Victorian Sensation Novels	20	H
EN3VSIN EN3VW	Victorian Sensation Novels Virginia Woolf	20	H
T112 4 44	, a Same 11 00g	20	11

EN3WA	Love and Death: the Films of Woody Allen	20	Н
EN3WCH	Working-Class Heroes: From John Clare to John	20	Н
	Lennon		
EN3WL	Writing Lives	20	Н
EN3WOR	Wordsworth 1795-1815	20	Н
EN3WP	War Poetry: from the Crimean to World War 2	20	Н
EN3WWR	Women's Writing of the Romantic Age	20	Н
EN3YJ	Yeats and Joyce	20	Н
Classical Stu	Classical Studies		

In Classical Studies

Students take a further 40 credits from the following optional modules:

٠.		without to treate mem the reme wing optioned incommen.		
	CL3GG	Ancient Greek Gods	20	Н
	CL3AB	Ancient Biography	20	Н
	CL3AR	Aristotle	20	Н
	CL3CN	Conversion of the Roman Empire	20	Н
	CL3GD	Gender in the Ancient Greek World	20	Н
	CL3AD	Greek Art and Drama	20	Н
	CL3HL	Hellenistic Philosophy	20	Н
	CL3LL	Litigation and Life in the Graeco-Roman World	20	Н
	CL3NC	New Comedy	20	Н
	CL3HO	Odes of Horace	20	Н
	CLOA	Oedipus and Antigone in the 20 th Century	20	Н
	CL3PW	Peloponnesian War	20	Н
	CL3PP	Pornography and Power in the Graeco-Roman World	20	Н
	CL3RM	Renaissance Medicine	20	Н
	CL3RL	Roman Life Cycle	20	Н
	CL3RF	Rome On Film	20	Н
	CL3ST	Special Topics in Greek Drama	20	Н
	CL3TC	Tourism, Classics and National Identity	20	Н
	CL3UA	Uses and Abuses of Antiquity	20	Н
	CL3BG	Beginners Greek III	20	Н
	CL3IG	Intermediate Ancient Greek III	20	Н
	CL3AG	Advanced Ancient Greek III	20	Н
	CL3BL	Beginners Latin III	20	Н
	CL3IL	Intermediate Latin III	20	Н
	CL3AL	Advanced Latin III	20	Н
	1			

Students may take IWLP Modern Greek in place of one H level module.

Progression requirements

To proceed from Part 1 to Part 2, a Joint Honours student must (i) obtain an average of 40% across all Part 1 modules; (ii) achieve a minimum of 40% in each English module, and an average of 40% over the compulsory modules in Classical Studies; and (iii) have no mark less than 30% in any module, except that marks of less than 30% in a total of 20 credits may be condoned, provided the candidate has pursued the course for that module with reasonable diligence and has not been absent from the examination without cause. To proceed from Part 2 to Part 3 students must: (i) achieve an overall average of 40% in 120 credits taken in the examination; (ii) achieve not less than 30% in any module, except that marks of less than 30% in a total of 20 credits may be condoned, provided that the candidate has pursued the course for the module(s) with reasonable diligence and has not been absent from the examination without reasonable

Summary of teaching and assessment

Teaching is through seminars, lectures and essay tutorials. Over the programme as a whole, assessment will be conducted through a mixture of assessed essays and formal examination. In both Departments the Joint Dissertation module is supported by workshops and individual supervision.

Conventions for degree classification are included in the Programme Handbook, but you should note that weighting between Part 2 and Part 3 for classification purposes is 33% and 67%.

The University's honours classification is as follows:

<u>Mark</u>	<u>Interpretation</u>
70% - 100%	First class
60% - 69%	Upper Second class
50% - 59%	Lower Second class
40% - 49%	Third class
35% - 39%	Below Honours Standard
0% - 34%	Fail

Admission requirements

No previous experience of Classical Studies is required for admission. Entrants to the joint degree programme are normally required to have obtained:

UCAS Tariff: 280 points including 100 points in English Literature or English Language and Literature.

GNVQ (Adv): B in A level plus distinction in GNVQ (Adv) – 12 modules of GNVQ (Adv) + pass 4 additional modules

Scottish Highers: BBBBB

Irish Leaving Certificate: BBBBC

International Baccalaureat: 30 points with at least 6 for Higher level English Literature

GCSE/O: English Language preferred, grade C or above

Mature candidates will be usually be expected to have a B (100 points) at A level English, or equivalent qualifications, but consideration is also given to applicants with other qualifications and experience.

Admissions tutor: Ray Laurence

Support for students and their learning

University support for students and their learning falls into two categories. Learning support includes IT Services, which has several hundred computers, and the University Library, which across its three sites holds over a million volumes, subscribes to around 4,000 current periodicals, has a range of electronic sources of information and houses the Learning Resource Centre with some 200 workstations. There are language laboratory facilities both for those students studying on a language degree and for those taking modules offered by the Institution-wide Language Programme. Student guidance and welfare support is provided by Personal Tutors, the Careers Advisory Service, the University's Special Needs Advisor, Study Advisors, Hall Wardens and the Students' Union.

Students receive Handbooks from both Classical Studies and English which give details of the programme, guidance on study skills such as note-taking and essay writing, and information about staff, facilities, and sources of specialized help within the University, such as the Study Skills Advisor and the Counselling Service. Both components of the programme are designed to support students throughout their degree course while encouraging more independent work in Part 3. Academic feedback and guidance is given through one-to-one essay tutorials, and academic and personal support is provided through the tutor system and the University's Personal and Academic Record (PAR) Scheme. Dissertation workshops prepare students for the Part 3 dissertation which is individually supervised. The Department of Classics is the Curator of the Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology. The Geoffrey Matthews Collection, housed in the School of

English, provides books, xeroxed materials, cassettes and an extensive collection of videos for loan to students. A video-viewing suite is available within the Faculty. The Library is well-stocked with printed materials as well as electronic databases, such as the OED, the MLA Bibliography, and the DNB on CD ROM, and such on-line resources as JSTOR and First Search. Specialist subject librarians are available to give students advice and guidance to library resources.

Career prospects

In recent years students who have gained degrees in Classical Studies and English have gone into a wide variety of jobs, including teaching, publishing, journalism, the media, management, administration, and public relations. The degree programme provides graduates with a range of communication and analytical skills that will serve them in good stead in the marketplace. A number of graduates each year also go on to further academic study and research.

Opportunities for study abroad

Students may, with permission, opt for a four-year degree programme which involves spending the third year abroad, at one of the European universities with which the School of English has a Socrates exchange agreement. They would actively participate in courses abroad, experience the teaching and learning processes of another institution, learn or improve their knowledge of another European language, and enhance their curriculum vitae. Students following the four-year programme must take 120 credits in their Year Abroad. Of this total, 40 credits of English studies (two courses undertaken at the host institution) will count towards degree classification; the remaining 80 credits are assigned for the experience and satisfactory completion of the year abroad, and are assessed on a Pass/Fail basis.

Alternatively, the Department of Classics is developing a Socrates exchange with the University of Aarhus, through which students can spend a shorter period of study abroad (normally during Part 2). There may also be opportunities to study for one term in the United States under the American Studies exchange programme.

Educational aims of the programme

The programme aims to develop students' knowledge and understanding of a wide range of English texts and works of Classical literature, art and philosophy. It also aims to promote an informed and self-reflective awareness of procedures of critical and cultural analysis, and, by exposing students to a variety of learning experiences, to equip them with broad transferable skills of potential value to future employers.

Knowledge and Understanding

A. Knowledge and understanding of:

- 1. Literary texts in English from selected periods between the Middle Ages and the present day
- 2. A range of kinds of texts including fiction, poetry and drama
- 3. Methods of critical textual analysis
- 4. Ways in which social, cultural and historical issues relate to texts
- 5. A range of approaches in English studies
- 6. Selected special fields of English
- 7. The literature, thought, art and religion of Graeco-Roman culture
- 8. A diverse range of ancient evidence.
- 9. A range of problems of interpretation and evaluation of ancient evidence.
- 10. The reception of Graeco-Roman culture in the West.

Teaching/learning methods and strategies

Knowledge and understanding are gained through formal teaching (lectures, seminar discussions, and individual essay feedback), prescribed and recommended reading, and the writing of essays and a dissertation. Part 1 offers a broad introduction to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8. In Part 2 the understanding and skills acquired in Part 1 are developed with particular emphasis on 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10 through seminars, lectures and individual feedback. Part 3 introduces more specialized study, particularly in relation to 3, 5, 6, through a choice of seminar-based modules together with supervised, independent study leading to a dissertation.

Assessment

In Parts 1 and 2, knowledge and understanding of 1-5 and 7-10 are tested through a combination of essays and unseen written examinations. In Part 3, assessment is through a mixture of methods, such as extended essays, essays plus unseen exams, and the dissertation.

Skills and other attributes

B. Intellectual skills:

- 1. Capacity for independent analysis and research
- 2. Identification of problems and issues
- 3. The ability to read closely and critically
- 4. An ability to reflect on one's own positions

Teaching/learning methods and strategies

Intellectual skills are acquired through independent reading (1), seminar preparation and discussion, and essay writing (1, 2, 3) and essay feedback through tutorials (2, 3 and 4).

Assessment

1-3 are assessed both formatively in coursework essays, and summatively in essays, unseen exams and the joint dissertation. 1- 4 are assessed formatively through seminar discussion and essay feedback and tutorials.

C. Practical skills:

In English

- 1. The ability to criticize and formulate interpretations of texts
- 2. An ability to engage in critical argument using relevant theoretical approaches
- 3. An awareness of the rhetorical resources of the English language
- 4. Bibliographical and research skills
- 5. A knowledge of appropriate conventions in the presentation of written work
- 6. An ability to relate the study of English to cultural and social issues

In Classical Studies – able to

- 1. Gather, organize and deploy evidence and information, and to show awareness of the consequences of the unavailability of evidence.
- 2. Develop the capacity for critical judgement in the light of evidence and argument.
- 3. Select and apply appropriate methodologies in assessing the meaning and significance of evidence or data.
- 4. Have effective bibliographical and library based research skills.

Teaching/learning methods and strategies In English

1-3 and 6 are developed in seminars ,essays and essay tutorials. 4 and 5 are developed through essays, essay feedback and dissertation guidance and supervision.

Assessment

All the subject specific practical skills are assessed through formative and summative essays. 1-3 and 6 are also tested in unseen examinations.

In Classical Studies

These are developed through the deployment of seminar classes and essay assignments.

Oral presentation also constitutes a percentage of the assessment for the dissertation.

Assessment

Coursework and examinations, as well as the dissertation.

D. Transferable skills:

- 1. Fluency in written and oral communication
- 2. The ability to formulate and present arguments
- 3. Assessing the merits of competing approaches
- 4. The ability to translate subject-specific knowledge and skills into other environments
- 5. The ability to find and use relevant information resources
- 6. Time –management skills
- 7. A creative approach to problem-solving
- 8. Group and interpersonal skills
- 9. An ability to self-evaluate and self-reflect
- 10. Use of information technology, especially word-processing

Teaching/learning methods and strategies

Transferable skills are developed through seminar discussions (1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9), through seminar presentations, essay writing, tutorial feedback and unseen examinations (1-9). 4 and 7 particularly are developed through requiring students to draw on acquired knowledge and skills when analyzing new material in essays and unseen examinations. 5 and 10 are developed through use of the library and other sources of information, for seminar preparation, essay writing and research for the dissertation. We require that all summatively assessed essays are word-processed (10).

Assessment

1-7 and 9 are formatively assessed through coursework essays and seminar presentations, and summatively assessed through essays, unseen examinations, and the dissertation. 9 is encouraged through essay feedback and essay tutorials. 8 is encouraged through seminars and in tutorials.

Please note: This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably expect to achieve and demonstrate if he/she takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the learning outcomes, content and teaching, learning and assessment methods of each module can be found in module and programme handbooks.