



Exploring the World of English Literature

Are you enthusiastic about literature in the English language? Would you like to discuss novels, poems and plays in an international environment? This course explores famous titles, authors and genres from the English speaking world, including from our local Devon.

Course Description

This **intensive, engaging** course will give you the opportunity to **explore the world of English literature** with an **experienced, motivated trainer**. You will take part in **fun, thought-provoking activities** to discover more about textual **genres** and conventions, the **lives of British authors**, and seminal works. You will also have the opportunity to **learn about local Devonian literary connections** and look at literature from **other parts** of the **English-speaking world**. You will return home with lots of **new ideas** and inspiration, and be **even more of a bookworm** than you were before!

Course Content

*I love my trainer
so much.
She is really very
helpful, kind,
humorous and full of
ideas and
methods.*
— Anon (Hungary),
MET July 2018

Different text genres and their conventions
(e.g. short stories, novels, different forms of poetry)

Authors and contexts

Local literary connections and heritage

Literature from other parts of the English-speaking world

The language of literature and subject-specific vocabulary

Ideas for teaching literature and using texts
creatively in class

Personal language development through classroom sessions

Who is this course for?

This course is for individuals who have a **keen interest in English literature** and who want to **broaden their knowledge** of this subject, and who:

- Have a minimum English level of **Upper Intermediate (B2)**
- Enjoy learning about literary **contexts, conventions** and **cultures**
- Enjoy working in a **cooperative learning environment**
- Are **teachers of English Literature** and **teachers who use English texts** in their lessons
- Would like to **meet people** from **other countries in Europe**, for example to share cultural knowledge, compare literary practices or, if you are a teacher, exchange teaching ideas and set up school partnerships

Supporting your European Development Plan



IPC courses support **staff** (continuing) with their professional development in terms of:

- Improving linguistic competence
- Enhancing professional skills and knowledge e.g. awareness of issues related to teaching young learners
- Providing teachers (and schools/educational organisations) with the opportunity to initiate school partnerships to enhance the on-going learning experience of pupils/students/learners
- Becoming more interculturally aware through meeting colleagues from other countries as well as being in the United Kingdom
- Gaining knowledge of the British and other colleagues' education systems

They also support **organisations** in terms of:

- Gaining a more European/international perspective/profile
- Benefitting from teachers integrating their experiences into their school/local community

Sample Programme

On the **Exploring the World of English Literature** course you will:

- Explore and discover famous works of British literature and different literary conventions and learn subject-specific language
- Have opportunities to refresh and develop your English skills and knowledge
- Have the opportunity to explore the local area with an IPC guide on escorted trips to places of interest and live with a homestay host, experiencing language in its cultural and social setting
- Experience activities first hand that motivate students to participate more fully in class, developing their English language skills and knowledge as well their self-confidence in being able to 'read' English literature
- Have opportunities to discuss factors which influence your teaching situation

Day	Morning Session	Afternoon Session	
Sunday	ARRIVAL IN EXETER		
Monday	Introduction to IPC and the Course Needs Analysis	What is 'Literature'?	Guided Tour of Exeter
Tuesday	Short Stories and Compositions	The Language of Literature: Talking about Texts	
Wednesday	Novels and Longer Compositions	Devon as a Muse: Local Literary Connections	
Thursday	A Whistle-stop Tour of British Poetry	Global Connections: English Literature in Other Cultures	
Friday	Course Closure Activities	Visit to Exeter Cathedral	
Saturday	Full day trip with your IPC Guide		
Sunday	RETURN HOME		

*Programme subject to change