

THE SCHOOL OF ARTS, LANGUAGES & CULTURES PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

For students studying on programme:	BA (Hons) English Literature and American Studies
Level of study:	Level 2
Academic year of study:	2026/27
Programme Code:	06488
Plan Code:	07914
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Contact:	If you have any questions about this structure, please contact the programme administrator for English Literature, American Studies and Creative Writing: SALC.courseunits@manchester.ac.uk

Please note:

You have one compulsory course unit totalling 20 credits. You make up the remaining 100 credits by choosing five optional course units. You may, if you wish, substitute 20 of those 100 credits with a free-choice course unit(s).

You may take up to 20 credits of course units at a first year level.

You may **not** take any credits of course units at a third year level.

Ideally, you should have 60 credits in each semester, but when choosing the optional 100 credits you wish to take, you must ensure:

- you have no fewer than 50 credits in either semester;
- you have no more than 70 credits in either semester;
- **you have a minimum of 40 credits in both American Studies and English Literature, but no more than 80 credits in either subject;**
- you have checked timetable details to ensure that you do not have any clashes;
- you must ensure that you have chosen 120 credits in total, even if you are spending all or part of Year 2 on the Worldwide or Erasmus Exchange Programmes
- NB: Places on Creative Writing course units (i.e. Fiction and Poetry) are allocated by competition. Students interested in taking one of these units will be invited to submit a sample of their writing through an email from the office in spring.

1: You will be automatically enrolled onto the following compulsory course unit by your Programme Administrator		
AMER20331	American Cultural Studies (semester 1)	20

2: Choose at least one and up to two course units from List A		Minimum credits 20	Maximum credits 40
ENGL20231	Chaucer: Texts, Contexts, Conflicts (semester 1)		20
ENGL20372	Shakespeare (semester 2)		20
ENGL21022	Medieval Metamorphoses (semester 2)		20
ENGL21151	Renaissance Literature (semester 1)		20
ENGL21161	Old English: Writing the Unreadable Past (semester 1)		20
ENGL21181	Satire and Sentiment: British Literature, 1660-1820 (semester 1)		20

3: Choose at least one and up to two course units from List B		Minimum credits 20	Maximum credits 40
ENGL20481	Gender, Sexuality and the Body (semester 1)		20
ENGL20491	Writing, Identity and Nation (semester 1)		20
ENGL20542	Postcolonial World Literatures (semester 2)		20
ENGL21192	Modernism (semester 2)		20
ENGL21521	Romanticism (1790-1860) (semester 1)		20
ENGL22102	Victorian Literature (semester 2)		20

4: Choose at least one and up to three course units from List C		Minimum credits 20	Maximum credits 60
AMER20072	American Film Studies (semester 2)		20
AMER20082	Cold War America, 1950-1991 (semester 2)		20
AMER20112	Work and Play in the USA, 1800-2020 (semester 2)		20
AMER20141	From Jamestown to James Brown: African-American History and Culture		20
AMER20481	American Literature and Social Criticism, 1900-Present (semester 1)		20

AMER21001	American Civil War (semester 1)	20
AMER20492	Twentieth Century African American Literature(semester 2)	20

4: You may take one course unit from List D		Minimum credits 0	Maximum credits 20
ENGL20002	Creative Writing: Fiction (NB Entry by submission of writing sample) (semester 2)		20
ENGL20901/ENGL20902	Creative Writing: Poetry (NB Entry by submission of writing sample)		20
ENGL21951	Introduction to Screenwriting (semester 1)		20

5: Free choice - If you have not yet registered for 120 credits, you can select a maximum of 20 credits free choice.	
For free choice units available in the School of Arts Languages and Cultures please see: Free Choice Units For free choice units available from the University Language Centre, please see: https://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/study/university-language-centre-leap-courses For free choice units available from the University College for Interdisciplinary Learning, please see: http://www.college.manchester.ac.uk/units/ For a full list of free choice units available in the University, please select the My Courses tab within My Manchester: https://portal.manchester.ac.uk/uPortal/p/course-unit-info.ctf1/max/render.uP	