At the moment, the University of Luxembourg offers a one-year programme in English literature and linguistics. Students spend this year in Luxembourg, a crossroads of cultures, a small but welcoming city, in an institution that does not suffer from overcrowded lecture theatres or the anonymity typical of so many large institutions. It is the personal touch we are proud of: at the University of Luxembourg student numbers are not excessively high and therefore staff-student relations are cordial and informal.

After completing their year in Luxembourg, most of our students move on to the United Kingdom, Ireland or the United States to complete their degree. Access to the university of their choice is often made easier by their having spent a first year at the University of Luxembourg.

Admissions Requirements

The basic requirement to register as a student is the ‘Examen de Fin d’Etudes Secondaires’ or any equivalent qualification (German ‘Abitur’, French ‘baccalauréat’, English ‘A-levels’, the European or International Baccalaureate, etc.).

English Language Requirements: level C1 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

The University’s Student Life Service (SEVE) provides further information on practical application procedures. Details are available on our university website (http://wwwen.uni.lu/students/welcome_office) or (http://wwwen.uni.lu/students/application_re_registration).

What we expect of you

Before you start your studies in the English Department, you should be aware that there are certain qualities we look for and endeavour to further in our students. In our department, the emphasis is on active involvement and independent discovery.

- You will be expected to participate actively in group discussions and other tasks set by your tutors during meetings.
- You will take part in group projects and group presentations.
- You will be expected to work on research papers.
- You will be expected to work to deadlines and to hand in written work on time.
- You will be expected to organise your own time and your own reading.
Why do we ask all this of you?

This is not a gratuitous set of activities. Most courses in the English Department are seminar-based and not lecture-based. The nature of seminars presupposes that knowledge is acquired through active participation and discussion (as opposed to writing down lecture notes). The activities described above are designed:

- to prepare you for your studies in Britain or other English-speaking countries
- to familiarise you with the tutorial system
- to supply you with a space in which you can develop, express and experiment with your ideas
- to further discussion and provide a forum for a multiplicity of perspectives
- to enable you to discover texts and their contexts independently
- to encourage you to develop a critical mind and analytical skills

The interactive nature of seminars also presupposes regular attendance. Indeed, if knowledge is acquired through active participation rather than passive absorption, your presence in the classroom becomes essential. You should, therefore, try to attend class as regularly as you possibly can, because your classmates’ notes cannot be a substitute for the benefits of active involvement in class.

Our programme

Our programme offers a wide variety of courses in both linguistics and literature, covering different periods and genres to allow students to try out different fields and define their preferences. This may prove an advantage in the complicated task of choosing the university and university department where you want to continue your studies.

Course requirements

In order to pass your first year here at the university, you need to come up to at least 60 ECTS points. Most of our courses comprise about 30 hours of seminar-based teaching and have 4 ECTS but a few introductory lecture series courses only have 3.

We are flexible: the courses you choose are Your choice

You can choose 100% English courses, or you can also take a number of courses in other subjects, as long as the English courses still make up at least 50% of the total number of courses you have taken.

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