

## English and Creative Writing

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#### Voice-over

Where better to study English or creative writing than London with its literacy and cultural riches. Home to leading authors, playwrights and poets, past and present. Explore the power of the written word in all its forms. Study drama and visual arts as well as fiction and poetry. Consider historical authors in a new light and engage with contemporary works. Relate your studies to your own academic interests and develop key skills.

#### Dr Jenny Bavidge

Lecturer in English and Programme Leader

“The idea really is to get students to think about the way in which stories are refined into literacy, to poetry, to novels, to particular forms, the way that literature is always about connecting with life.”

#### Yasmin Begum

English Student

“One of the great things about the English programme is the variety of choices we have.”

#### Dr John Morton

Lecturer in English

“Students who study English at the University of Greenwich can cover a wide variety of literary genres, texts and literary periods as well.”

#### Dr Jenny Bavidge

Lecturer in English and Programme Leader

“We study some medieval literatures, some Shakespeare through the romantic era to the contemporary.”

#### Dr John Morton

Lecturer in English

“Students have the opportunity to also work on other related disciplines so, for example, to do some creative writing.”

#### Patrick O’Hagan

English and Creative Writing Student

“In the first year I started writing short stories, in the second year playwriting.”

#### Dr John Morton

Lecturer in English

“They will take four courses a year and of those courses they will be able to focus on their own interests from the first year onwards.”

#### Dr Jenny Bavidge

Lecturer in English and Programme Leader

“Creative writing courses are taught by practitioners. We have novelists, poets and playwrights who will teach students the practicalities and pragmatics on getting your words down on the page.”

#### Yasmin Begum

English Student

“I found the lecturers to be really positive, really approachable. They are always willing to listen.”

#### Dr Jenny Bavidge

Lecturer in English and Programme Leader

“We encourage students to read widely. The seminars are a good place for the discussion to grow.”

#### Patrick O’Hagan

English and Creative Writing Student

“One aspect we are doing at the moment is right in London.”

#### Dr Jenny Bavidge

Lecturer in English and Programme Leader

“The advantage of doing the MA here is we can put in practice what we read, so we can read essays by Dickens on walking around London.”

#### Patrick O’Hagan

English and Creative Writing Student

“We go out around London and see how London affects our writing.”

#### Dr Jenny Bavidge

Lecturer in English and Programme Leader

“There are art museums and art galleries which will always be relevant whatever students are studying. We can visit the Tate and find some visual representation or answers to the works that we are studying on the page.”

#### Patrick O’Hagan

English and Creative Writing Student

“*Brand* magazine is a Greenwich publication where students submit work.”

#### Dr John Morton

Lecturer in English

“Two students a year are able to conduct a work placement organising and managing.”

#### Patrick O’Hagan

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“It is just sort of a stepping stone; once you get published you have more confidence to go on.”



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#### Dr John Morton

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“The English programme is very committed to preparing students for the world of work.”

#### Dr Jenny Bavidge

Lecturer in English and Programme Leader

“Amongst our Alumni, we have teachers, stand up comedians and playwrights.”

#### Dr John Morton

Lecturer in English

“We also offer workshops tailored to particular industries, for example, last year we had someone to talk about publishing, teaching and also talking about working in TV.”

#### Yasmin Begum

English Student

“Career paths are so vast and you can take an English degree almost anywhere.”

#### Patrick O’Hagan

English and Creative Writing Student

“I have really enjoyed university life and I hope to go on to work in a university.”

#### Yasmin Begum

English Student

“It is an absolute stunning location to be studying in.”

#### Patrick O’Hagan

English and Creative Writing Student

“It is an absolutely beautiful, beautiful campus and it is a joy to be here every day.”

#### Yasmin Begum

English Student

“It is the ideal time for me to start a fresh and pursue a subject that I am really passionate about and English is right for me.”

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