

ENGLISH A2 IN THE PROGRAMME

NATURE

- English A2 is a course designed for near-native level speakers
- A2 is not an A1 language, nor is it a B language
 - A1 refers to 1st language speakers, or native tongue
 - B refers to 2nd language speakers, or ESL

HOW IS A2 DIFFERENT FROM THE NATIONAL PROGRAMME?

- The National Programme is geared for EFL (English as a foreign language) learning
 - It teaches students how to communicate in English
 - It focuses more on linguistic and grammatical elements
 - It focuses more on the “everyday” use of English
- A2 teaches students how to use English as a primary means of communication
 - Focuses more on the theoretical issues involving language
 - Focuses more on the literary traditions of English speaking cultures
 - Prepares students for their future ambitions at the university level

WHAT WILL I BE STUDYING?

- 2 cultural options
 - Media and culture (advertisements, magazines, violence, race, and gender)
 - Language and culture (linguistic imperialism, identity and power, and gendered language, PC language)
- 2 literary options
 - Each options has 3 works studied, for a total of 6 different works in English
 - All works must be originally written in English
 - Each option explores a common theme
 - Common works include
 - *The Bluest Eye*, Toni Morrison
 - *The Tempest*, William Shakespeare
 - *Things Fall Apart*, Chinua Achebe