

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

By the end of the course I will be able to:

1. Understand the major developments in English poetry from Beowulf to the present.
2. Identify the contexts within which English poetry was produced.
3. Increase my knowledge of the major English poets, and increase my pleasure in reading them.

What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?

- The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you and the group to be actively involved in your learning
- You may be asked to undertake additional work in your own time to support your learning
- The course will be participative. The tutor will supply/suggest texts for study, but students will be encouraged to suggest poets or poetry which they would like to study. The tutor will suggest preparatory reading material.

What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?

- You will have opportunities to discuss your progress with your tutor
- You will be encouraged to share your work with the group and discuss your learning
- You will be encouraged to consider other students work and give your opinions and suggestions
- During the course the tutor will encourage each student to make a short presentation about a poem of their choice set within the context of the course matter.

What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?

- A selection of materials and basic equipment will be provided but you are welcome to bring additional materials with you
- It would be helpful if you had access to the internet (Mobile phone, tablet or computer at home or through a library etc.)
- We will use printed versions of poems as well as poetry published in online websites.

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- No pre reading is required but research on the subject on the internet or in the library may be helpful
- Students may wish to "take stock" of their existing experience and knowledge of and interest in English poetry, and be prepared to discuss this at the opening of the course.

Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)

- Progress to another WEA course
- Progress to a course with another provider
- You could progress to Higher Education courses. Follow link to the PEARL website for information <http://pearl.open.ac.uk/>

Learning with the WEA

WEA courses increasingly make use of the rich variety of educational tools and material available on the internet and from digital devices. The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will play an increasing role in all WEA courses to provide resources or support, or to conduct lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course.

It is helpful, although not essential if you have access to a computer or smartphone to support your course.

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your course you accept our Learning Agreement and Privacy Notice. Full details of the Learning Agreement and privacy notice can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/policies>. This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for some courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact: WEA Support Services, Suite 10B Joseph's Well, Hanover Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS3 1AB
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