

EVIP English Course Descriptor 2017/18

Throughout the course of the year, you will develop skills in and gather evidence for the following four outcomes; Reading, Writing, Talking and Listening. Depending on your ability and the quality of your work, you will either pass these outcomes at National 3 or National 4 level. In gaining evidence for these outcomes you will also concurrently achieve the 'Literacy' unit. Together, these outcomes also pair up to create units; 'Writing and Talking', which concerns how we create and produce language, and 'Reading and Listening', which looks at how we record and analyse language. An additional unit is required for a full National 4 award, entitled 'The Added Value Unit'. The Added Value Unit requires you to, with some degree of autonomy, study various types of texts (at least one of which must be written) with the focus being some element of study which is common to all texts. You then have the choice of either presenting their findings in the form of an essay or an oral presentation. Units can be awarded individually or as part of the overall course award.

Course Overview

Regardless of presentation level, you will, for the most part, work on the same texts and materials, with differentiation coming in the form of marking, although certain texts and materials will be adapted to meet the needs of individuals if required. You will study a variety of different texts, from poetry, newspaper articles and short stories, to dramas and films. Common themes which link these materials together relate to issues that young people encounter today, such as family life, relationships, technology, social media and online safety.

National 3 Course Specification

You will work toward achieving the following units, each of which is worth 6 SCQF credit points at level 3 (18 points in total);

- Understanding Language
- Producing Language
- Literacy

National 4 Course Specification

You will work toward achieving the following units, each of which is worth 6 SCQF credit points at level 4 (24 points in total);

- Analysis and Evaluation
- Creation and Production
- Literacy
- Added Value Unit - English: Assignment