Master's in Literary Studies

Literature and Education

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How does one ‘teach’ literature or a foreign language? In this programme, you will study foreign language and literature learning in educational contexts, following courses in both Linguistics and Literature. In addition, you will specialise in one of the following European languages or language families: English, French, German, Italian, Scandinavian, Slavonic or Spanish.

The linguistic strand of the programme focuses on language use, language variation and (foreign) language learning and teaching. You will investigate major theories and research in these domains, and reflect on the historical and current roles of language in society.

The literature strand zooms in on the practical and conceptual ties between literature and education by addressing questions such as: What is it that literature teaches us? And what is the relationship between literature and social development and change?
Literature in the Classroom (6 ECTS)
The main topic of this course is how to negotiate the transition from university student to teacher. We will discuss the theory and practice of teaching literary works. You are all interested in literature but how can we take our students by the hand and motivate them into reading and exploring literature? Which teaching methodologies and approaches are most effective and inspiring? Which (canonical) choices do you make, i.e. which works do you include in the curriculum and which works do you leave out?

Career prospects

The Master's in Literature and Education prepares you for a broad range of career opportunities. On completion of the course, you will be eligible for the post-Master's teacher training programme. Although the programme is geared towards students who want to continue in education, the excellent writing and public speaking skills you develop in the classes and the internship will benefit you in a wide variety of professional contexts (e.g. in an organisational capacity with educational organisations or the media).
Entry requirements

This Master's is open to all students holding a university Bachelor’s degree in:

• one of the languages you wish to specialise in;
• European Studies*;
• another Bachelor’s degree in the Humanities*.

* Provided you meet the additional requirements in both linguistics and literature of the language you wish to specialise in. For more information, please check: uva.nl/ma-literature-education

> Application and admission