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Creative Writing 2: Concept and Practice

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General Information

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Prerequisites

ENGX121 and (ENGX120 or ENGL120 or ENG110)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit extends the practical work and learning methodologies of ENGL121. It is based on seminar workshops, lectures, and practical writing activities. The unit encourages responses to different genres and theoretical approaches to creative writing. It aims to develop practical written and reflective skills, and the capacity to use language and form. It encourages students to attempt new ways of writing, to develop their work into finished texts, and to consciously position these texts within the wider discourse. In this unit, creative writing is taught within contexts of contemporary relevance, in order to broaden students' range and encourage reflection about their writing. Students are expected to develop their creative writing and increase their knowledge about its contexts by producing writing throughout the unit. Unit topics and readings provide literary and theoretical examples to stimulate intellectual and creative enquiry.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.open.edu.au/student-admin-and-support/key-dates/>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Identify key theoretical and practical concepts and integrate them in creative writing

Compose several pieces of conceptually developed creative writing

Employ written and language skills in different creative writing contexts.

Reflect on student's own creative writing processes.

Critique and analyse literary and theoretical texts.

Appraise and critique students' writing in workshop environment.

Demonstrate professional skills appropriate to the unit.

General Assessment Information

- Word or line lengths and marking criteria are provided with the details for each assignment.
- There is 10% 'wiggle room' on prescribed word length. No penalty applies to students who remain within the 10% leeway given. Avoid going over or under this word length.
- There are penalties of 5% per 100 words over or under the limit (This does not include allowed 'wiggle room').
- Without documentation and request for extension (submitted through <http://ask.mq.edu>), a late penalty of 2% per day, including weekends, will be applied. This is policy of the Department of English. Late penalty applies from the deadline date and time of the online Turnitin submission.
- **NB: It is a requirement of this unit that all creative work handed in for workshops or as assignments is new work written during this unit and engaging with unit topics. Work from a concurrent unit or previous units or studies must not be presented for workshops or assessments. Creative writing written prior to the unit commencing cannot be presented in this unit.**

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Assignment 1	15%	No	End of weeks 4, 7, 10, 13
Assignment 2	25%	No	End of week 7
Assignment 3 - Final	40%	No	End of week 13
Participation	20%	No	Week 7, Week 13

Assignment 1

Due: **End of weeks 4, 7, 10, 13**

Weighting: **15%**

There are 4 quizzes over the semester, which must be completed by the due dates. Each quiz will close after its submission date and time. Each quiz will cover approximately 3-5 readings from the weeks prior to its due date. Quizzes are a combination of multiple choice and analytical questions.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Critique and analyse literary and theoretical texts.

Assignment 2

Due: **End of week 7**

Weighting: **25%**

Creative writing and reflective statement.

Creative writing: Prose 1500 words and a 350 word reflective statement. Poetry: at least 50 lines and a 350 word reflective statement.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify key theoretical and practical concepts and integrate them in creative writing
- Compose several pieces of conceptually developed creative writing
- Employ written and language skills in different creative writing contexts.
- Reflect on student's own creative writing processes.

Assignment 3 - Final

Due: **End of week 13**

Weighting: **40%**

Creative writing + a reflective essay.

Creative writing - prose: word count 2000 words and a reflective essay 650 words.; poetry length: at least 80 lines and a reflective essay of 650 words.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify key theoretical and practical concepts and integrate them in creative writing
- Compose several pieces of conceptually developed creative writing
- Employ written and language skills in different creative writing contexts.
- Reflect on student's own creative writing processes.
- Critique and analyse literary and theoretical texts.

Participation

Due: **Week 7, Week 13**

Weighting: **20%**

Participation marks are given in two parts - 10% at the end of first half of semester and the other 10% at the end of semester.

Students are expected to engage with workshops and discussions, and listen to the lectures. Absence from online engagement will affect participation marks and may result in failure of the unit. If you cannot engage because of illness or other circumstances, which are disruptive to your studies, submit a Disruption to Studies waiver request through ask.mq.edu.au, and also contact your tutor.

The marks given for participation are for students' active participation in online discussions showing evidence of their having done the readings and listened to the lectures, and workshop activities.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Appraise and critique students' writing in workshop environment.
- Demonstrate professional skills appropriate to the unit.

Delivery and Resources

- Unit iLearn Website for ENGX233.
- The unit's iLearn site will be available from Week 1, and as 'read only' from the week prior.
- PC and Internet access are required. Basic computer skills (e.g., internet browsing) and skills in word processing are necessary.
- Lectures for this unit are scheduled each week and begin in Week 1.
- Lectures are available as recorded lectures through the unit Echo360 link.
- Online activity starts in Week 1 and must be participated in each week.

Texts

Required reading

Prescribed weekly readings for this unit are in **Library Multisearch**.

Enter ENGX233 unit code in the MQ Library Unit Readings tab. <http://www.mq.edu.au/on Campus/library/>.

Recommended texts

- Jack Hodgins, *A Passion for Narrative*, McClelland and Stewart, 2001.
- Hazel Smith, *The Writing Experiment: Strategies for innovative creative writing*, Allen

and Unwin, 2005.

- David Morley, *The Cambridge Introduction to Creative Writing*, UK, Cambridge UP, 2007
- Mark Tredinnick, *The Little Green Grammar Book*, Sydney, UNSW Press, 2008

Students do not have to purchase all of these texts: some are available in the Library as e-books. The others are excellent 'how to' texts for creative writing which will be useful in all creative writing units offered by MQ. Consider your purchases of these texts as additions to your library.

Unit Schedule

Week:

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Story and narrative - Short story (1)
3. Story and narrative - Short story (2)
- 4 Global writing in English
- 5 Rewriting narratives
- 6 Experimental writing and the postmodern
- 7 Writing other worlds
- 8 Identity and subjectivity
- 9 Romance fiction - genre
- 10 Collage
- 11 New genres and hybrid Genres
- 12 Eco poetry

Policies and Procedures

Late Submission - applies unless otherwise stated elsewhere in the unit guide

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Extension Request

Special Consideration Policy and Procedure

(<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/special-consideration>)

The University recognises that students may experience events or conditions that adversely affect their academic performance. If you experience serious and unavoidable difficulties at exam time or when assessment tasks are due, you can consider applying for Special Consideration.

You need to show that the circumstances:

1. were serious, unexpected and unavoidable
2. were beyond your control
3. caused substantial disruption to your academic work
4. substantially interfered with your otherwise satisfactory fulfilment of the unit requirements
5. lasted at least three consecutive days or a total of 5 days within the teaching period and prevented completion of an assessment task scheduled for a specific date.

If you feel that your studies have been impacted submit an application as follows:

1. Visit [Ask MQ](#) and use your OneID to log in
2. Fill in your relevant details
3. Attach supporting documents by clicking 'Add a reply', click 'Browse' and navigating to the files you want to attach, then click 'Submit Form' to send your notification and supporting documents
4. Please keep copies of your original documents, as they may be requested in the future as part of the assessment process

Outcome

Once your submission is assessed, an appropriate outcome will be organised.

OUA Specific Policies and Procedures

Withdrawal from a unit after the census date

You can withdraw from your subjects prior to [the census date](#) (last day to withdraw). If you successfully withdraw before the census date, you won't need to apply for Special Circumstances. If you find yourself unable to withdraw from your subjects before the

census date - you might be able to [apply for Special Circumstances](#). If you're eligible, we can refund your fees and overturn your fail grade.

If you're studying Single Subjects using FEE-HELP or paying up front, you can [apply online](#).

If you're studying a degree using HECS-HELP, you'll need to [apply directly to Macquarie University](#).

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy_2016.html

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html

Disruption to Studies Policy (in effect until Dec 4th, 2017): http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html

Special Consideration Policy (in effect from Dec 4th, 2017): <https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/special-consideration>

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Unit Requirements and Expectations

To complete this unit, students must

- complete and submit *all* assessment tasks; attend and participate in all seminar classes and in-class workshop activities, do online tasks when requested;
- attend lectures or listen to the Echo360 recordings;

- be prepared for classes by doing the readings;
- come to class prepared to discuss their peer's workshop submissions for that week's class, every week.
- Students must upload their workshop writing as an attachment to their iLearn website class forum when they are scheduled to workshop by the dates specified.
- Missed classes can result in loss of all participation marks.
- It is a requirement of this unit that all creative work handed in for workshops or as assignments is new work written during this unit and engaging with unit topics. Work from a concurrent unit or previous units or studies must not be presented for workshops or assessments. Creative writing written prior to the unit commencing cannot be presented either. Please see University Academic Honesty policy

Assignment Late Penalty

2% per day or part of day is applied to assignments submitted to Turnitin after the assignment deadline, including both day and time.

There is also a penalty for assignments which are below or above the word or line limits. After 10% 'wriggle room' either side of the stated limit for each assignment, work is penalised up to 10% per 200 words or pro-rata for line counts for poetry.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Identify key theoretical and practical concepts and integrate them in creative writing
- Compose several pieces of conceptually developed creative writing

Assessment tasks

- Assignment 2
- Assignment 3 - Final

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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- Employ written and language skills in different creative writing contexts.
- Reflect on student's own creative writing processes.
- Appraise and critique students' writing in workshop environment.
- Demonstrate professional skills appropriate to the unit.

Assessment task

- Participation

Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Compose several pieces of conceptually developed creative writing
- Employ written and language skills in different creative writing contexts.
- Reflect on student's own creative writing processes.

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Assessment tasks

- Assignment 1
- Assignment 2
- Assignment 3 - Final

Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Identify key theoretical and practical concepts and integrate them in creative writing
- Reflect on student's own creative writing processes.
- Critique and analyse literary and theoretical texts.

Assessment tasks

- Assignment 1
- Assignment 2
- Assignment 3 - Final

Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Identify key theoretical and practical concepts and integrate them in creative writing
- Compose several pieces of conceptually developed creative writing
- Critique and analyse literary and theoretical texts.

Assessment task

- Assignment 3 - Final

Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Identify key theoretical and practical concepts and integrate them in creative writing
- Compose several pieces of conceptually developed creative writing
- Employ written and language skills in different creative writing contexts.
- Appraise and critique students' writing in workshop environment.
- Demonstrate professional skills appropriate to the unit.

Assessment tasks

- Assignment 2
- Assignment 3 - Final
- Participation

Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Appraise and critique students' writing in workshop environment.

Assessment task

- Participation

Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Appraise and critique students' writing in workshop environment.
- Demonstrate professional skills appropriate to the unit.

Changes from Previous Offering

Assignment 1 task changed to four quizzes during the unit, which will enable students to engage with the readings for the weeks leading up to each quiz.

Assignment weightings changed:

Assignment 1 (quizzes) 15%,

Assignment 2 now 25%.

Minor change to content, to include topic of 'Romance Fiction - genre writing'

Requirements to pass the unit

Unit Requirements

To pass this unit, students are required to:

- attempt and submit all assessment tasks ('attempt' means making a serious attempt at the task or tasks);
- attend and participate in seminar classes and in-class workshop activities, and do required online tasks, including quizzes;
- attend lectures or listen to recorded iLectures prior to class.
- come prepared for classes by doing the readings and bringing printouts of the workshop pieces for that week's class – their own and others' as appropriate; also, to bring copies of readings to class. You can do this electronically, but must read all the readings prior to coming to the class.
- Workshops: Enrolled students should see the unit iLearn website for details and instructions about uploading their workshop writing to the website in the week of their scheduled workshop weeks, to give others time to read them and prepare for the classes. This is an essential part of organisational skills. Each student will submit 2 pieces of their writing for workshopping during the semester, and must read other student's work each week in order to participate as required in the class workshops.