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Writing: From Manuscript to the Digital Age

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Department of English

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

ENGX1021 or ENGX121

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit's focus is on writing as practice, craft and function in historical and cultural contexts of reading and writing. What have changes in writing conventions, technologies, and distribution or publication meant for ways in which writing is read and received? We are living at a time of radical changes in how we think about writing and reading texts, but writing practices also have historical foundations that may be applied in new ways in digital, paper, and other environments. Reading practices too are changing in the digital age, but there have always been different approaches to reading that have affected our understanding of writing and text. Students will consider the context, practice and process of their own writing and reading in relation to wider cultural and historical influences. Assessment for this unit aims to develop students' critical, reflective and research skills in factual and creative nonfiction writing.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

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

ULO1: Analyse a range of historical, cultural and material contexts of the production and consumption of written text.

ULO2: Investigate and discuss technologies of writing and their impact on writing and reading practices.

ULO3: Evaluate different forms of writing in the context of their experience and

environment.

ULO4: Appraise their own reading and writing practices.

ULO5: Acquire and apply skills appropriate to various forms of writing.

Assessment Tasks

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Students should consult [iLearn](#) for revised unit information.

[Find out more about the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and potential impacts on staff and students](#)

General Assessment Information

NB: It is a requirement for this unit that all written work handed in for assignments is new, original 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 assessments. Creative writing written prior to commencing the unit cannot be presented either.

See [University Academic Integrity Policy](#)

<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/academic-integrity>

Absence from more than two online tutorials without Special Consideration approval will impact significantly on your participation mark.

Assessment submission

The written assessments for this unit are submitted via the Turnitin links in the unit iLearn. Feedback and marks are returned to students via Turnitin. Other submission information is provided in iLearn.

Extensions and late submission of assignments:

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.

You should also contact your tutor before the due date if you think you will not be able to submit your work on time. If you are having any problems to do with the unit and your studies, please speak to your teacher or the unit convenor as early as possible.

Special Consideration

<https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-consideration>

The Disruption to Studies Notification must be completed and submitted online through <https://ask.mq.edu.au/> within five (5) working days of the commencement of the disruption.

For any issues relating to university policies and processes, please note that the Student Advocacy Service and other support services are available.

Delivery and Resources

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.

Please check here for updated delivery information: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status

Delivery and resources

Lectures and online tutorials

Lectures start in Week 1 and are scheduled weekly.

Students must listen to lectures via the Echo link in iLearn, starting in Week 1 and each week thereafter.

Students are expected to listen to all the lectures and to participate in the online tutorials.

Online tutorials begin in Week 2. Students must **login by the first week** of semester.

Readings

Required weekly readings for this unit must be accessed via **the Leganto link in the unit iLearn website.**

The readings must be accessed via the Leganto link in iLearn. Only after your first login through iLearn will you be subsequently able to access the Leganto list via Multisearch Unit Readings.

The list is always available via the iLearn Leganto link.

Unit Webpage and Technology required

Online units can be accessed at: <http://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>.

PC and Internet access are required, Broadband or WiFi connection is essential. Basic computer skills and skills in word processing are also a requirement.

Students must be able to upload, download, and print Word documents.

iLearn is used for access to recorded lectures (Echo), quizzes, Turnitin assignments, other online activities, communication with staff, and for access to all unit materials via the Leganto link.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/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/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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 or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

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 help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@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.