



ENGL8075

Literature and Writing in Professional Contexts

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Department of English

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Permission by special approval

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

In this unit each student conceptualises, designs and undertakes a project that engages with their individual vocational or education aims. Each project will extend upon the skills and knowledge developed during the student's Masters study. Students engage in a Major Work from one of three modules: a Professional Context Project, such as an internship or other industry-focused project; the design of a school or community-based creative writing curriculum; or a research-based Journal Article suitable for a postgraduate level peer-reviewed journal. The unit is not intended for the production of a piece of creative writing. Students plan and undertake their project through independent work with the support of the convenor and student peers. Peer feedback and collaboration is encouraged. At the unit's outcome students have engaged in a significant professionalising experience culminating in documentation and a digital portfolio showcase.

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: Plan and produce a major project within an approved area of activity and

research.

ULO2: Apply refined technical skills and specialist knowledge within a sustained major work appropriate to specific readerships or community contexts.

ULO3: Initiate and collaborate with others in planning and executing an industry based or critically informed project.

ULO4: Curate a digital portfolio utilising creative writing producing during the course of study.

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](#)

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

Students should contact the unit convenor at the start of the session, or beforehand, to discuss their proposed module (journal article, curriculum, or professional context project). Students wanting to undertake a draft journal article need the approval of the unit convenor.

The unit is offered fully online via iLearn. In addition to iLearn, students will also be expected to use software to create a digital portfolio.

This unit has 13 weeks of class.

Resources

There are no required texts for this unit. The iLearn site has an extensive range of suggested readings and other resources depending relating to the various modules, along with a range of readings and links via Leganto. There are no required lectures.

Unit Schedule

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Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Creating a Digital Portfolio

Week 3: Planning: Journal Article, or Professional Context Project, or Curriculum Design

Week 4: Major Work Plan

Week 6 , 8, 10, 12: Major Work forums

Week 13: Showcase Major Work through a Poster via the Digital Portfolio

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.