General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
Creative writing involves expression and skills. It also involves reading. This practical unit introduces students to different approaches and ways of thinking about creative writing. Students engage in a series of lectures and workshops, learning a range of creative writing skills and topics. Students are encouraged to be experimental and adventurous in their writing. Seminars address different creative writing topics and readings so that students can learn about various genres, methods and approaches. The workshops are interactive; they aim to increase understanding of the process of creative writing. The aim of this unit is for students to learn, achieve and realise their creativity and writing skills in their creative work, engaging with lecture and reading content and participating in writing workshops, on-course writing exercises, and doing set assignments.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

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

ULO1: Achieve creative writing and reading skills in relation to concepts, topics, craft, technique and voice
ULO2: Evaluate creative writing processes
ULO3: Identify, engage with and apply concepts of narrative form and poetry
ULO4: Analyse and discuss the work of others in group discussions
General Assessment Information

NB: It is a requirement for this unit that all creative work handed in for workshops or as 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 workshops or assessments. Creative writing written prior to the unit commencing the unit cannot be presented either.

See University Academic Integrity Policy

Absence from more than two 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.

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.
Assessment Tasks

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Online discussions and participation
Assessment Type 1: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 35 hours
Due: Ongoing
Weighting: 25%

- Read assigned readings in preparation for online discussions each week.
- Read class peers’ submitted creative writing and provide written feedback in online workshop discussion forums.

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- Evaluate creative writing processes
- Identify, engage with and apply concepts of narrative form and poetry
- Analyse and discuss the work of others in group discussions

Creative Work (Minor)
Assessment Type 1: Creative work
Indicative Time on Task 2: 24 hours
Due: Week 6
Weighting: 25%

Creative writing: narrative prose or poetry. Scaffolded task.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Achieve creative writing and reading skills in relation to concepts, topics, craft, technique
and voice

• Evaluate creative writing processes
• Identify, engage with and apply concepts of narrative form and poetry

Creative Work and a Reflective Essay

Assessment Type 1: Creative work
Indicative Time on Task 2: 35 hours
Due: Week 12
Weighting: 50%

Creative writing consisting of prose, or poetry, and a reflective essay

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Achieve creative writing and reading skills in relation to concepts, topics, craft, technique and voice
• Evaluate creative writing processes
• Identify, engage with and apply concepts of narrative form and poetry
• Analyse and discuss the work of others in group discussions

1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

• the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
• the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Lectures and classes

Lectures and tutorial discussions start in Week 1.

Students are expected to listen to all recorded lectures before participating in online discussions each week.

Readings

Required weekly readings for this unit must be accessed via the Leganto link in the unit iLearn website.
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**Unit Webpage and Technology required**

Online units can are 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. Webcam or internal camera for Zoom classes if needed.

Students must be able to upload, download, and print Word documents. Word documents are the only format accepted for Turnitin assignments.

Your iLearn unit is used for access to recorded lectures (Echo), for online discussion forums and quizzes, for submission of workshop writing and workshop activity, for Turnitin assignments, and for communication and access to all unit materials via the library or directly in iLearn.

**Unit Schedule**

Week 1 - Introduction to Creative Writing
Week 2 - Prompt to draft: process and reflection
Week 3 - Approaches to writing 1
Week 4 - Approaches to writing 2
Week 5 - Story and narrative
Week 6 - Time in narrative
Week 7 - Focalisation
Week 8 - Language - dialogue and register
Week 9 - Workshop week
Week 10 - Writing place, writing culture
Week 11 - Memory
Week 12 - Creativity and Writing, reflecting on the unit.

**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). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central)
Students seeking more policy resources can visit the 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).

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/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.
Student Enquiry Service
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

Equity 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.

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.