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Music and Arts Journalism

Session 2, Weekday attendance, North Ryde 2021

Department of Media, Communications, Creative Arts, Language and Literature

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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update

The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities.

Visit the MQ COVID-19 information page for more detail.

General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
40cp at 1000 level or above

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
We all know what we like, and what we don't like, but writing insightfully and fluently about the creative arts requires expressive skills and knowledge; skills that this unit aims to develop in students. To this end, students produce different styles of nonfiction writing about music and the arts: reviews, reports, reportage, reflection. They also write an article on a topic of their choice, which they are encouraged to develop to a standard suitable for publication. Lectures examine a range of long and short form review and arts writing and criticism, across both print and broadcast media.

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: identify, evaluate and critique key issues raised in the production of music and arts journalism.

ULO2: develop creative arts journalism through in-depth relevant research using a variety of methodologies.

ULO3: apply unique methods of presenting research in writing for a general readership.

ULO4: construct and write stories that fall into the broad category of music and arts journalism.

General Assessment Information

Assessment standards in this unit align with the University's grade descriptors, available at: https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/assessment

To apply to have your assessment re-marked, please see: http://www.mq.edu.au/pubstatic/public/download/?id=167914

Examples of relevant and related assessment tasks will be made available on iLearn and will be discussed in tutorials.

Methods of Feedback:

- Informal: comments from tutors during tutorials; through the announcement function in iLearn; interactions with peers during tutorial activities; personal reflections on learning during the course.

- Individual: in email communication with individual students where comments are made by the tutor and/or unit convenor in response to questions related to course activities and assessments; in personal face-to-face consultations during Weeks 6, 11 and 12 of the unit, or as requested (either by phone or face-to-face)

- Formal: general comment and in-text comments attached to assignments marked in Turn-It-In; reflections from peers; in-class comments from tutors in regards to assessments; marks are made available through the Gradebook function in iLearn.

Please note that the University and the Faculty of Arts have launched a new assessment policy effective as of 1 July 2021. This new policy particularly affects **LATE SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS**.

The Faculty policy in relation to late assessment submissions is as follows:

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – 10 marks out of 100 credit will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and (b) no assignment will be accepted seven days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests, etc.

To be very clear:

- Unless you have applied for special consideration and had your application approved, for each day your assignment is late, 10 marks will be deducted. For example, if you submit

your assignment 7 days late, 70 marks will be deducted, which means you will fail that assignment.

- If your assignment is more than 7 days late (including weekends), you will get 0 for your assignment.

These are serious penalties that will substantially alter your final grade and even determine whether you pass or fail this unit. Please make every effort to submit your assignment by the due date.

If you find you cannot submit your assignment on time, please apply for Special Consideration through AskMQ. Make sure you read Macquarie University's policy regarding Special Consideration requests before you apply:

https://students.mq.edu.au/study/assessment-exams/special-consideration

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Collection of writing exercises	20%	No	ongoing
Research report and portfolio	30%	No	23:59 24/09/21
Major project	50%	No	23:59 02/11/21

Collection of writing exercises

Assessment Type [1]: Reflective Writing
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 15 hours
Due: **ongoing**
Weighting: **20%**

Produce short written pieces to develop writing and conceptual skills. Refer to iLearn for further information.

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Research report and portfolio

Assessment Type [1]: Portfolio
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 25 hours
Due: **23:59 24/09/21**
Weighting: **30%**

A portfolio showcasing the research conducted for the creative work, plus a report detailing how the research will be used in the creative work. Refer to iLearn for further information.

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Major project

Assessment Type [1]: Creative work
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 40 hours
Due: **23:59 02/11/21**
Weighting: **50%**

Produce a non-fiction article which falls under the category 'Music and Arts Journalism'. Refer to iLearn for further information.

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[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 Writing Centre 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

Tutorials/workshops will begin in week two.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au). 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

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

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.

- 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.