



ENGX8026

Manuscript Project (Half Year, Part A)

Session 1, Fully online/virtual 2021

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

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Permission by special approval (waiver)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

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Unit description

In Manuscript Project A, students commence on a 25,000 word creative manuscript (or equivalent in the case of poetry), which may be a complete work such as a themed collection of poetry or short stories, creative nonfiction essays, the opening chapters of a longer work such as a novella or novel, or a digital interactive text-based work. The two consecutive units Manuscript Project A and Manuscript Project B provide an opportunity for a sustained piece of writing to be developed over two sessions. There are no classes or workshops: students work independently with regular written and verbal feedback from a writing supervisor. It is expected that the final work will be of a potentially publishable standard. Application is open to students who have demonstrated excellent progress in their writing units and have submitted a compelling and potentially publishable project plan. Contact the Course Director for further information on how to apply for entry to this unit.

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 commence on a manuscript in the genres of novella, novel, short story collection or poetry sequence.

ULO2: Exercise higher level editorial abilities through independent reflection, revision and rewriting of the manuscript.

ULO3: Locate and appraise appropriate resources to develop the manuscript.

ULO4: Utilise professional and mature communication skills and capacity to respond to feedback.

ULO5: Identify and resolve ethical and/or copyright issues in relation to the creative work's subject matter, sources or potential audience.

General Assessment Information

Consult the iLearn unit for this unit for full information on assessment.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Planning and conceptualisation of manuscript</u>	20%	No	At commencement of project and ongoing
<u>Reflection</u>	20%	No	Ongoing throughout the session
<u>Manuscript: work in progress</u>	60%	No	Either Week 12, S1 or Week 12, S2 2021

Planning and conceptualisation of manuscript

Assessment Type ¹: Plan

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **At commencement of project and ongoing**

Weighting: **20%**

Planning and conceptualisation of manuscript

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Plan and commence on a manuscript in the genres of novella, novel, short story collection or poetry sequence.
- Exercise higher level editorial abilities through independent reflection, revision and rewriting of the manuscript.
- Locate and appraise appropriate resources to develop the manuscript.
- Utilise professional and mature communication skills and capacity to respond to feedback.
- Identify and resolve ethical and/or copyright issues in relation to the creative work's subject matter, sources or potential audience.

Reflection

Assessment Type ¹: Reflective Writing

Indicative Time on Task ²: 25 hours

Due: **Ongoing throughout the session**

Weighting: **20%**

Critical evaluation of work in progress, student's writing and editing processes and ability to appraise and utilise feedback.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Exercise higher level editorial abilities through independent reflection, revision and rewriting of the manuscript.
- Utilise professional and mature communication skills and capacity to respond to feedback.
- Identify and resolve ethical and/or copyright issues in relation to the creative work's subject matter, sources or potential audience.

Manuscript: work in progress

Assessment Type ¹: Creative work

Indicative Time on Task ²: 100 hours

Due: **Either Week 12, S1 or Week 12, S2 2021**

Weighting: **60%**

Students commence a major creative manuscript (or equivalent in the case of poetry)

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Plan and commence on a manuscript in the genres of novella, novel, short story collection or poetry sequence.
- Exercise higher level editorial abilities through independent reflection, revision and rewriting of the manuscript.
- Locate and appraise appropriate resources to develop the manuscript.
- Utilise professional and mature communication skills and capacity to respond to feedback.
- Identify and resolve ethical and/or copyright issues in relation to the creative work's subject matter, sources or potential audience.

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

Students work with a supervisor from the Department of MCCALL's creative writing staff. Supervision commences at the start of the Session. During supervision, you communicate one-on-one with your supervisor. There are no campus or online classes. The iLearn unit site provides full information about assessment, resources, etc.

There are no required texts for this unit.

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.