



# ENGL7000

## Research in Literary Studies and Creative Writing

Session 2, Fully online/virtual 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](#).

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Visit the [MQ COVID-19 information page](#) for more detail.

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## General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Admission to MRes

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

What constitutes research in the fields of literary studies and creative writing? This unit considers the various contexts within which English literature is studied and composed, in order to encourage critical awareness of how and why these studies are pursued in the twenty-first century. This unit will introduce students to a wide range of recent debates in literary studies and creative writing, focusing upon the areas that lie at the centre of literary and creative research in the English Department at Macquarie University. Students will analyse and evaluate critical studies of literary works and conceptual approaches to creative research to consider how literature operates both conceptually and in the real world.

## 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:** Comprehend the range of approaches to literary studies and creative writing that are pursued by researchers within the English department.

**ULO2:** Enhance the design and development of research, especially with regard to aligning their ideas with relevant approaches within the field.

**ULO3:** Use well developed judgement to develop research questions.

**ULO4:** Write and present a minor piece of research related to a chosen field of enquiry in the discipline of literary studies.

## General Assessment Information

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.

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Report</u>	40%	No	Sunday 19 September 11.59pm
<u>Research Essay</u>	60%	No	Sunday 7 November 11.59pm

### Report

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Report

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 15 hours

Due: **Sunday 19 September 11.59pm**

Weighting: **40%**

Report on opportunities for research within a sub-field of literary studies or creative writing.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Comprehend the range of approaches to literary studies and creative writing that are pursued by researchers within the English department.

### Research Essay

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Essay

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 65 hours

Due: **Sunday 7 November 11.59pm**

Weighting: **60%**

Design and compose a research essay linked to one of the unit's weekly topics

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Enhance the design and development of research, especially with regard to aligning their ideas with relevant approaches within the field.
- Use well developed judgement to develop research questions.
- Write and present a minor piece of research related to a chosen field of enquiry in the

discipline of literary studies.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 will develop and complete a research project in preparation for their MRes Year 2 projects.

Delivery will be via workshop in Session 2.

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<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) (<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) (<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](http://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto: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](http://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](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

If you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto: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/](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.

## Changes from Previous Offering

Unit redesigned in 2021

## Changes since First Published

Date	Description
12/07/2021	Statement about the new late penalty policy has been added to the Assessment Information section of the unit guide as per request by Lynn Negus.