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Research for Creative Writing

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

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
Admission to MCrWrit

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit offers students the opportunity to develop a research project based on specific genres of creative writing and to reflect on how this affects their own creative practice. Students will have the opportunity to read and analyse different genres and to research current scholarship and publishing trends in these genres. Working independently, students will hone their critical research, writing, and presentation skills. By the end of this unit, students will gain a critical understanding of the contemporary academic and professional contexts of their own writing.

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: Analyse and evaluate different readerships and audiences for specific genres of writing.

ULO2: Locate and appropriately document scholarly and professional industry research relevant to the genre of writing.

ULO3: Use advanced critical thinking and writing skills to devise and produce a work of critical research.

ULO4: Communicate the value and significance of the research.

ULO5: Reflect upon how research applies to your own creative writing practice.

General Assessment Information

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
Participation	10%	No	Ongoing
Research proposal and plan	20%	No	23:59 20/03/2022
Critical Writing	40%	No	23:59 01/05/2022
State of the genre report	30%	No	23:59 29/05/2022

Participation

Assessment Type [1]: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 15 hours
Due: **Ongoing**
Weighting: **10%**

Relevant preparation for tutorials, presentation of research and reflection on creative practice, and feedback on other students' work.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Communicate the value and significance of the research.
- Reflect upon how research applies to your own creative writing practice.

Research proposal and plan

Assessment Type [1]: Plan
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 40 hours
Due: **23:59 20/03/2022**
Weighting: **20%**

Research proposal and plan

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Locate and appropriately document scholarly and professional industry research relevant to the genre of writing.
- Use advanced critical thinking and writing skills to devise and produce a work of critical research.

Critical Writing

Assessment Type [1]: Essay
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 50 hours
Due: **23:59 01/05/2022**
Weighting: **40%**

Research essay and a reflective statement on how research can be applied to your own creative writing practice.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Use advanced critical thinking and writing skills to devise and produce a work of critical research.

State of the genre report

Assessment Type [1]: Report
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 40 hours
Due: **23:59 29/05/2022**
Weighting: **30%**

Research report explaining a particular literary genre, giving examples of classic works in the genre, identifying current trends in the genre and providing examples of publishers relevant to this genre.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Analyse and evaluate different readerships and audiences for specific genres of writing.
- Locate and appropriately document scholarly and professional industry research relevant to the genre of writing.
- Communicate the value and significance of the research.

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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

This unit is primarily a **reading unit**: you will be given a reading list and some guidance through it, but your time will be spent reading, researching, and crafting your research project. Students will discuss their readings and research in a series of tutorials (online or in class). Guidance is given as to the kind of research and essay that is expected; rubrics are provided for all assessments.

Extensive resources are provided for students in the iLearn unit, along with guides as to the

kinds of research expected for this unit. Each student's project will relate to a creative writing project underway, or being planned.

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
- Assessment Procedure
- Complaints Resolution 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

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe academic integrity – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free online writing and maths support, academic skills development and wellbeing consultations.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://stu

dents.mq.edu.au/support/

The Writing Centre

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- Workshops
- Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
- Access StudyWISE
- Upload an assignment to Studiosity
- Complete the 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

Macquarie University offers a range of Student Support Services including:

- IT Support
- Accessibility and disability support with study
- Mental health support
- Safety support to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via AskMQ, or contact Service Connect.

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.