



ENGL7000

Research in Literary Studies and 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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By appointment

Credit points

10

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 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of '0' (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue. This late penalty will apply to written reports and recordings only. Late submission of time sensitive tasks (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs) will be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Research Essay	60%	No	Due 23:55 Wed 8 Nov
Report	40%	No	Due 23:55 Wed 13 Sept

Research Essay

Assessment Type **1**: Essay

Indicative Time on Task **2**: 75 hours

Due: **Due 23:55 Wed 8 Nov**

Weighting: **60%**

Written research paper, 4500 words

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.

Report

Assessment Type **1**: Report

Indicative Time on Task ²: 35 hours

Due: **Due 23:55 Wed 13 Sept**

Weighting: **40%**

Students will report upon their plan for a research project including: research question, primary texts, methodology, and bibliography.

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.

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

Seminars will be conducted via Zoom.

Assessment guidelines and Zoom links can be found in the Unit Information Book.

Seminars begin in Week 1.

Unit Schedule

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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](#)

- [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) (<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 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://students.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 Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

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.