



MMCC8043

Writing the Real

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

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General Information

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Prerequisites

Admission to MMediaComm or MCrInd

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit explores the fields of literary journalism and creative non-fiction, both as practice and as subject of enquiry. It combines analysis with the development of the students' own writing projects. It will consider a range of established and emerging modes including the non-fiction graphic novel, the magazine feature, the memoir, the essay and science/technology 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: research and analyse the diverse range of methodologies and creative techniques informing production processes of literary non-fiction writing.

ULO2: synthesize and expand practical knowledge of non-fiction writing.

ULO3: analyse and evaluate the theories and contemporary debates in the field of literary non-fiction.

ULO4: demonstrate ethical conduct in relation to contemporary non-fiction writing.

General Assessment Information

Late Assessment Submission Penalty

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 non-timed sensitive assessment (incl essays, reports, posters, portfolios, journals, recordings etc). Late submission of time sensitive tasks (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs etc) will only be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application. Special Consideration outcome may result in a new question or topic.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Research Report and Portfolio	30%	No	21/04/23 11:55pm
Writing exercises	20%	No	26/05/23 11:55pm
Major project	50%	No	05/06/23 11:55pm

Research Report and Portfolio

Assessment Type ¹: Portfolio

Indicative Time on Task ²: 25 hours

Due: **21/04/23 11:55pm**

Weighting: **30%**

A report that summarises how the research will be used in the creative work. A portfolio that showcases the range of research undertaken for the creative work. Refer to iLearn for further information.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- research and analyse the diverse range of methodologies and creative techniques

informing production processes of literary non-fiction writing.

- demonstrate ethical conduct in relation to contemporary non-fiction writing.

Writing exercises

Assessment Type ¹: Reflective Writing

Indicative Time on Task ²: 15 hours

Due: **26/05/23 11:55pm**

Weighting: **20%**

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

On successful completion you will be able to:

- research and analyse the diverse range of methodologies and creative techniques informing production processes of literary non-fiction writing.
- synthesize and expand practical knowledge of non-fiction writing.

Major project

Assessment Type ¹: Creative work

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **05/06/23 11:55pm**

Weighting: **50%**

Produce a work of creative non-fiction writing. Refer to iLearn for further information.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- research and analyse the diverse range of methodologies and creative techniques informing production processes of literary non-fiction writing.
- synthesize and expand practical knowledge of non-fiction writing.
- analyse and evaluate the theories and contemporary debates in the field of literary non-fiction.
- demonstrate ethical conduct in relation to contemporary non-fiction writing.

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

Essential Readings

Essential readings are available via Leganto on iLearn

Unit Schedule

A detailed unit schedule is available on iLearn

Policies and Procedures

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

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
16/02/2023	The assessment dates were incorrect, and dates have now been modified

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