



ENGL7001

Textual Analysis, Literary Theory and Creative Practice Research

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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 MRes

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit explores the development and practice of textual analysis, literary theory, and creative practice as research. Topics range from the notion of the canon and interdisciplinarity in literary reception and interpretation, to formal, linguistic, cultural and cognitive approaches to textual meaning making and creative practice. For students focused on creative writing we consider how creative practice can produce a framework for integrated research design. Students will analyse and evaluate the relationship between literary works, theoretical approaches and creative production, focusing on the ways in which theories can illuminate various ways of reading texts and/or how creative practice can shape theory.

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: Evaluate and analyse relevant approaches to research in literary studies and creative practice.

ULO2: Evaluate a range of different theories and approaches to analyse various forms of texts.

ULO3: Apply discipline specific language to explain concepts and ideas to scholarly and

non-scholarly audiences.

ULO4: Demonstrate a high level of oral, written and technological communication skills.

General Assessment Information

Submission Methods

Both essays must be submitted via Turnitin in iLearn.

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-time-sensitived 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.

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
Essay	50%	No	7/4/24 at 23.55
Essay	50%	No	2/6/24 at 23.55

Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **7/4/24 at 23.55**

Weighting: **50%**

Students will write a discursive essay on texts and topics related to the first half of the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Evaluate and analyse relevant approaches to research in literary studies and creative practice.
- Evaluate a range of different theories and approaches to analyse various forms of texts.
- Apply discipline specific language to explain concepts and ideas to scholarly and non-scholarly audiences.
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Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **2/6/24 at 23.55**

Weighting: **50%**

Students will write a discursive essay on texts and topics related to the second half of the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Evaluate and analyse relevant approaches to research in literary studies and creative practice.
- Evaluate a range of different theories and approaches to analyse various forms of texts.
- Apply discipline specific language to explain concepts and ideas to scholarly and non-scholarly audiences.
- Demonstrate a high level of oral, written and technological communication skills.

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

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Students must attend a 2hr seminar each week, beginning week 1.

Essential readings will be provided in digital format via the MQ Library.

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 an](#)

[d 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
13/02/2024	Sole Unit Convenor is A/Prof Paul Sheehan

Unit information based on version 2024.02 of the [Handbook](#)