



ENGL8036

Manuscript Project

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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

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Prerequisites

Permission by special approval and ENGL8026 and ENGL8090

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

In this unit students produce on a book proposal and work a 10,000 word creative manuscript (or equivalent in the case of poetry), which may be a complete work such as a themed collection of poetry or short stories, creative nonfiction essays, the opening chapters of a longer work such as a novella or novel, or a digital interactive text-based work. There are no classes or workshops: students work independently with regular written and verbal feedback from a writing supervisor. It is expected that the final work will be of a potentially publishable standard. This unit is only available to students who have achieved an excellent result in ENGL8026. Contact the Course Director for further information on how to apply for direct entry to this unit.

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: Plan, commence and sustain the writing of a manuscript in the genres of novella, novel, short story collection or poetry sequence.

ULO2: Exercise higher level editorial abilities through independent reflection, revision and rewriting of the manuscript.

ULO3: Locate and appraise appropriate resources to develop the manuscript.

ULO4: Utilise professional and mature communication skills and capacity to respond to feedback.

ULO5: Identify a relevant potential publisher and produce a book proposal specifically for this publisher.

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
Book proposal	20%	No	Week 7
Participatory task	20%	No	Week 13
Manuscript	60%	No	Week 12

Book proposal

Assessment Type ¹: Professional writing

Indicative Time on Task ²: 18 hours

Due: **Week 7**

Weighting: **20%**

Locate a potential publisher relevant for this work and produce a book proposal or story pitch appropriate to the publisher.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify a relevant potential publisher and produce a book proposal specifically for this publisher.

Participatory task

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 18 hours

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **20%**

Relevant preparation for supervisory meetings, timeliness and presentation of writing for supervisor, engagement with and responsiveness to supervisory feedback.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Exercise higher level editorial abilities through independent reflection, revision and rewriting of the manuscript.
- Utilise professional and mature communication skills and capacity to respond to feedback.

Manuscript

Assessment Type ¹: Creative work

Indicative Time on Task ²: 110 hours

Due: **Week 12**

Weighting: **60%**

Students will produce a major creative manuscript (or equivalent in the case of poetry).

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Plan, commence and sustain the writing of a manuscript in the genres of novella, novel, short story collection or poetry sequence.
- Exercise higher level editorial abilities through independent reflection, revision and rewriting of the manuscript.
- Locate and appraise appropriate resources to develop the manuscript.
- Utilise professional and mature communication skills and capacity to respond to feedback.

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 is a supervised project which is worked on throughout the semester. Communication with the supervisor will be via email, zoom or phone, or face to face if appropriate. This is arranged between students and their supervisors.

The final project is submitted to Turnitin via the unit iLearn website.

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 connect.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 the [Service Connect Portal](#), 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.

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