ENGX8030

Digital Creative Writing

Session 2, Online-flexible 2024

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 practical writing unit reflects on the dynamic relationships that exist between creative writing practice and digital, networked and interactive cultures. Students will be introduced to techniques in authoring short-form narrative or poetry-based digital and interactive works, exploring technological and literary questions relating to the writing and production of digital works. Students will engage with open-source software and network media to develop skills that advance their digital literacy. At the end of the unit students will have utilised two or more technologies in the writing and production of a minor and major digital creative work.

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 and produce short-form digital text-based creative works in two or more technologies.

ULO2: Employ industry-appropriate vocabulary and concepts in the analysis of digital creative writing and digital cultures.

ULO3: Appraise and evaluate the digital creative work of others in writing workshops

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 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
Participation	30%	No	Weekly
Digital creative work (minor)	30%	No	2024-09-08
Digital creative work (major)	40%	No	2024-11-03

Participation

Assessment Type [1]: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 24 hours
Due: **Weekly**
Weighting: **30%**

Contribution to discussions and workshops; practical writing tasks; peer review.

On successful completion you will be able to:
  • Employ industry-appropriate vocabulary and concepts in the analysis of digital creative writing and digital cultures.
  • Appraise and evaluate the digital creative work of others in writing workshops

Digital creative work (minor)

Assessment Type [1]: Creative work
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 24 hours
Due: **2024-09-08**

Weighting: **30%**

Students will utilise two or more technologies in the writing and production of a minor digital creative work, and have published these works to the web.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Plan and produce short-form digital text-based creative works in two or more technologies.
- Employ industry-appropriate vocabulary and concepts in the analysis of digital creative writing and digital cultures.

Digital creative work (major)

Assessment Type [1]: Creative work
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 56 hours
Due: **2024-11-03**
Weighting: **40%**

Students will utilise two or more technologies in the writing and production of a major digital creative work, and have published these works to the web.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Plan and produce short-form digital text-based creative works in two or more technologies.
- Employ industry-appropriate vocabulary and concepts in the analysis of digital creative writing and digital cultures.

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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

Delivery

For this unit, **classes will begin in week 1.**

Required Textbooks

The required readings can be downloaded or read online via Leganto. In this unit many of the works you read will be accessed online, and sourced either through Leganto (Required) or sourced through your own research and shared with others in the class.

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 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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