

English Dissertation

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	6100ENGL
Formal Module Title	English Dissertation
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 6
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Humanities and Social Science

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	6
Tutorial	6
Workshop	6

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
			12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	1. To enable students to work independently, in depth and at length, on an appropriate English topic which falls within areas of expertise in the department. 2. To develop skills in the formulation of appropriate, viable and feasible research questions in relation to a body of material. 3. To produce a substantial piece of written work, with appropriate scholarly presentation and bibliography, addressing a research question, offering an argument and a conclusion.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Critically evaluate a chosen field of critical literature and situate their own work within it through analysis of appropriate primary material
MLO2	2	Hone and apply a particularly methodology or approach towards their chosen material to generate research and an informed critical position.
MLO3	3	Write a long, research-informed and scholarly essay which accords to high standards of presentation and referencing and develops an argument.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	May: introductory lecture: the dissertation September-December: 4 lectures: Defining your topic; polishing your proposal; structuring your dissertation; writing your dissertation chapter March: final lecture: writing up May- March: 6 workshop sessions to follow lecture topics including a Library induction. The dissertation topic will be negotiated between student and staff, on the basis of the student's proposed ideas and the stated interests of all staff circulated in advance. The allocation of supervisors and formulation of topics will be confirmed by the end of the second semester Level 5. Students will attend a number of individual supervision meetings and electronic feedback sessions (totalling 6 hours).
Module Overview	This is a year-long module, at the end of which you will have produced a dissertation of 7-8,000 words. As such, it offers you the opportunity to investigate a topic of personal interest within the field of English Studies: you might wish to revisit something studied on a previous module, with a fresh approach or in greater detail, or choose an area as yet unexplored. You will be given guidance by a supervisor through the different stages of researching and writing, but above all you will be expected to work independently in the formulation of ideas, selection of key texts, and production of the final piece.
Additional Information	This is a year-long module, at the end of which students will have produced a dissertation of 7-8,000 words. As such, it offers them the opportunity to investigate a topic of personal interest within the field of English Studies: they might wish to revisit something studied on a previous module, with a fresh approach or in greater detail, or choose an area as yet unexplored. Students will be given guidance by a supervisor through the different stages of researching and writing, but above all they will be expected to work independently in the formulation of ideas, selection of key texts, and production of the final piece. Students will receive induction on the dissertation towards the end of Level 5. An extended proposal, requiring students to assess the material they have so far researched and begin to construct a main argument, is to be submitted around the middle of the first term, with the deadline for the final piece in March-April the following year. A good dissertation should have clearly defined the extent of the topic under consideration, identified key issues relating to the topic and compared critical positions, in order to arrive at an informed assessment or informed assessment by the end.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Report	Proposal 1000 words	10	0	MLO2

Dissertation	Dissertation 7-8000 words	90	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3
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Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Jonathan Cranfield	Yes	N/A
Jonathan Cranfield	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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