

Summary Information

Module Code	6108ENGL
Formal Module Title	English Independent Study
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 6
Grading Schema	40

Module Contacts**Module Leader**

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
James Whitehead	Yes	N/A

Module Team Member

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Humanities and Social Science

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
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Online	10
Tutorial	5

Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	1. To give students an opportunity to pursue their own intellectual interests at Level 6, or build on interests from previous levels;2. To give students experience in undertaking independent academic study, working in consultation with a tutor but on their own initiative and managing their own time;3. To promote key skills relating to Level 6 work: devising a feasible literary or interdisciplinary topic, with the possibility of a creative element; researching widely to produce a critically informed approach, and expressing a coherent position.
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Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	show initiative in the selection of a topic relevant to the field of English Studies, and the degree of commitment necessary to completing the project;
MLO2	present his / her findings in an appropriate fashion - including the coherent definition of the scope of the project, statement of aims / issues addressed, critical engagement with work / scholarship in the field, and compliance with suitable procedures for presentation;
MLO3	articulate a personal and critically informed position in relation to issues raised by /in the project.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus
The material relevant to the topic will be determined through the student's own research and in consultation with the module leader and/or supervisor; the object of study will be finalised at a sufficiently early stage to allow for analysis, development of thesis, and writing up. Students will be required to submit their idea for a research topic to the module leader at the beginning of the semester. They will then consult their designated supervisor to negotiate a 'learning contract': this will state the commitments of both parties and the dates of at least two further supervision sessions, along the following lines:1. (initial meeting) outline of project2. survey of field: selected annotated bibliography, engagement with critical text(s)3. submission of rough draft or significant portion, for formative feedbackThe project will involve elements of research and writing but may also involve other elements, e.g. field work and documentation, blog, or creative / visual forms of presentation.

Module Overview

This module will give you an opportunity to pursue your own intellectual interests to undertake an independent academic study, working on your own initiative and building strong time management skills.

Additional Information

This module gives Level 6 students the opportunity to devise a project of their own choice involving independent research, planning and writing. A supervisor will give guidance through this process; the 'learning contract' being an integral part of the module as a whole. The work may be presented as a single piece of closely-argued prose or in another appropriate form (agreed with the supervisor).

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Portfolio	Portfolio 4500 words	100	0	MLO1, MLO3, MLO2