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Title: English Independent Study
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ6 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 15
Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 185

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Online	10
Tutorial	5

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	AS1	Portfolio 4500 words or equivalent	100	

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.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 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;
- 2 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;
- 3 articulate a personal and critically informed position in relation to issues raised by /in the project.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Portfolio 4500 words	1	2	3
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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 project*
2. *survey of field: selected annotated bibliography, engagement with critical text(s)*
3. *submission of rough draft or significant portion, for formative feedback*

The project will involve elements of research and writing but may also involve other elements, eg field work and documentation, blog, or creative / visual forms of presentation.

Learning Activities

Tutorials, independent study, field work (if applicable), online discussion.

Notes

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).