



The University of Southern Queensland

## Course specification

### Description: Special Study in Literature

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
ENL	3003	30985	1, 2004	EXT	1.00	TWMBBA

<b>Academic group:</b>	FOART
<b>Academic org:</b>	FOA003
<b>Student contribution band:</b>	1
<b>ASCED code:</b>	091523

### STAFFING

Examiner: Alison Bartlett

Moderator: Chris Lee

### REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: 3 courses of Literature

### SYNOPSIS

This course is an exercise in independent student learning. It will require students to develop, in regular consultation with their tutor, a research essay based on one or more literary texts. This course requires a high level of self-directed learning and is usually taken by intending Honours students only.

### OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course, students will:

- achieve a high level of competency in carrying out appropriate and relevant research independently;
- demonstrate that they can integrate research into complex critical argument;
- have developed a research method appropriate to the task;
- demonstrate an excellent and sophisticated level of written prose, structure, argument and referencing skills.

### TOPICS

Description	Weighting (%)
1. Research Skills	100.00

## **TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:**

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Where possible, these will be drawn from USQ Library resources.

## **REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Students will also be given individual advice, based upon the essay topic chosen.

Seyler, D. V. 1993, *Doing Research: The Complete Research Paper Guide*, McGraw Hill, New York.

## **STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS:**

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Private Study	163.00
Supervisor Consultation	2.00

## **ASSESSMENT DETAILS**

Description	Marks out of	Wtg(%)	Due date
TOPIC PROPOSAL FORM	100.00	0.00	12 Mar 2004 (see note 1)
6000 WORD ESSAY	100.00	100.00	11 Jun 2004 (see note 2)

### **NOTES:**

1. The proposed topic of the research essay must be developed in consultation with the examiner, and must be approved by the examiner.
2. Submission of the final draft of the essay without sighting and discussion of earlier drafts will not be considered satisfactory. At least three earlier discussion sessions will be required, except where special consideration on compassionate grounds is approved by the examiner.

## **IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

- 1 Attendance requirements:

It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities (such as consultation with supervisors) scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.

- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:  
N/A
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:  
If students submit Dissertations/Projects after the due date without prior approval or documented medical circumstances, then a fail grade will be given.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:  
To be assured of a passing grade, students must meet the requirements of designated examiners.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:  
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.
- 6 Examination information:  
There is no exam for this course.
- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:  
Given the details under (6) above, there are no deferred exams for this course. However, if any deferred/makeup work is granted, it would have to be submitted by a date set by the examiner.
- 8 University Regulations:  
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.

## **ASSESSMENT NOTES**

- 9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner. (b) Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner. (c) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented ill-health. (d) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study. (e) Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an

assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).

10 Students are strongly advised to maintain regular contact with their supervisor.