

Master of Arts (English Studies) (8 Units) (MEL1) - MA(ES)

CRICOS code (International applicants): 047279C

This program is offered only to continuing students. Students who are interested in this study area should [contact us](#).

	On-campus	Distance education
Campus:	Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 year full-time, 2 years part-time.	

Contact us

Current students

Telephone 1800 007 252 (within Australia freecall), +61 7 4631 2285 (from outside Australia), email usqassist@usq.edu.au or submit a question via [USQAssist](#).

Program focus

The Master of Arts (English Studies) has been designed to accommodate the needs of practising secondary school teachers seeking career development opportunities as required by the Queensland Department of Education, as well as students seeking a pathway to the PhD program and anyone interested in pursuing a love of English Literature. The eight unit degree is designed for students seeking to extend their knowledge of English literature and the range of methodologies historically and currently applied in the field.

Program aims

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Program objectives

The Master of Arts (English Studies) aims to:

- provide in-depth study of defined areas of English studies
- facilitate the development and consolidation of a body of specialist knowledge and competencies in the field of English studies with specific reference to the changing definitions of the senior secondary schools curriculum
- develop in students an understanding and awareness of scholarly literature and research in English studies
- extend the knowledge base and critical approaches in ways that are useful to practising secondary school English teachers
- encourage and develop skills and knowledge related to independent inquiry and/or research in order to produce reports to a professionally or academically knowledgeable audience.

Admission requirements

Normal Entry

Students will need to have a four-year qualification such as BA (Honours), BA/Dip Ed or BA/BEEd with a major in English Literature; such students will normally complete 8 units.

Special Entry

Students with a three-year qualification such as a BA with a major or substantial study in English Literature and evidence of continued engagement with the discipline may be granted special entry on the recommendation of the Head of Discipline; such students may be required to complete 12 units.

International applicants must have met the [University's English language requirements](#) or have completed the [University's ELICOS/EAP program](#).

Program fees

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

Students will undertake courses to the value of eight as listed below.

Course	Sem
Core Methodology Courses	
HMT4005 Research Design	S1
ENL4001 Cultural Theory and Popular Culture	S1
ENL4000 Critical Theory: Pure and Applied (1 unit)	S2
ENL4012 Transforming Classics	S2
Elective Courses	
Dissertation Courses	
ENL8000 Master Dissertation A (2 units)	S1, S2
ENL8001 Master Dissertation B (2 units)	S1, S2

The MA (English Studies) is designed to share courses with the BA (Hons), and it is intended that on-campus students in both programs will attend a common seminar. Courses shared by the two programs are Cultural Theory, Critical Theory, Representing Australia, Reading Other Cultures, From Dylan Thomas to Bob Dylan, and the Dissertation courses.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 5 years to complete this program.

Exemptions

Students are eligible for exemptions as per [Academic Regulation 5.5.3](#).

Recommended enrolment pattern

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
Core							
HMT4005 Research Design					1	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BAHN or MEL1 or BCAA
ENL4001 Cultural Theory and Popular Culture	1	1			1	1	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BAHN or BTAH or BVAH or MEL1 or BCAA
ENL4000 Critical Theory: Pure and Applied			1	2			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BAHN or MEL1
ENL4012 Transforming Classics			1,2	2			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BAHN or MEL1
Dissertation Courses							
ENL8000 Master Dissertation A#*			2	1, 2			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MEL1
ENL8001 Master Dissertation B#*			2	1, 2			Pre-requisite: ENL8000 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MEL1

Footnotes

This course is equivalent to two units.

* Students intending to proceed to higher degrees by research must take these courses.