



HUMT20017 Research Dissertation Creative Writing B

Term 1 - 2017

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General Information

Overview

This unit is a component of the Master of Letters course. This unit requires you to complete the preparation of a dissertation as commenced in HUMT20016: Research Dissertation Creative Writing A. The final dissertation consists of two (2) interrelated parts: a sustained piece of original creative writing (either Fiction, Poetry, Drama or any other approved mix), and; an accompanying theoretically informed critical commentary (exegesis). The Dissertation will be formatted using the Harvard (Author-Date) Referencing style and the maximum combined length of the creative work and the corresponding exegesis should be between 15 000–20 000 words.

Details

Career Level: *Postgraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 9*

Credit Points: 12

Student Contribution Band: 10

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.25

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prerequisites: HUMT20012 Elements of Creative Writing I HUMT20013 Elements of Creative Writing II HUMT20014 Writing Short Fiction HUMT20015 Writing Poetry and Short Dramatic Pieces HUMT20016 Research Dissertation Creative Writing A

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2017

- Distance

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 12-credit Postgraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 25 hours of study per week, making a total of 300 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 10%

2. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 40%

3. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 50%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Student email.

Feedback

"Thank you so much for the congratulations and all of your help with my thesis."

Recommendation

The Master of Letters course will continue to maintain a commitment to working closely with and fully supporting students on an individual, one-to-one basis throughout their learning journey. A number of our students have been accepted into Research Higher Degree (RHD) PhD programs (with institutions both with and beyond CQUniversity) upon completion of this course. Indeed, a proportion of these students specializing in Creative Writing or Literary Studies have been successfully awarded Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) and scholarships as RHD candidates based on the exemplary standard of their coursework grades as well as for the superior quality of their final Dissertations.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Demonstrate initiative and judgement in the scholarship and critical practice of investigation in one or more disciplines or areas of creative writing practice
2. Apply knowledge and skills with personal responsibility and accountability in one or more creative writing disciplines or areas of practice
3. Demonstrate some independence in the planning and completion of a sustained creative writing project and accompanying exegesis in one or more disciplines or areas of creative writing practice
4. Review, analyse, consolidate and synthesise knowledge to independently solve complex stylistic problems in one or more creative writing disciplines or areas of practice.

N/A

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Written Assessment - 10%	•	•	•	•
2 - Written Assessment - 40%	•	•	•	•
3 - Written Assessment - 50%	•	•	•	•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Knowledge	o	o	o	o
2 - Communication	o	o	o	o
3 - Cognitive, technical and creative skills	o	o	o	o
4 - Research	o	o	o	o
5 - Self-management	o	o	o	o
6 - Ethical and Professional Responsibility	o	o	o	o
7 - Leadership	o	o	o	o
8 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures				

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 - Written Assessment - 10%	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	
2 - Written Assessment - 40%	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	
3 - Written Assessment - 50%	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

Additional Textbook Information

There are no set texts for the dissertation. Please consult with your supervisor.

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)
For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 06 Mar 2017

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Please consult with your supervisor
regards the structure of your Master of
Letters project work for the term.

Week 2 - 13 Mar 2017

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 3 - 20 Mar 2017

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

**Written Assessment - Progress
report** Due: Week 3 Friday (24 Mar
2017) 5:00 pm AEST

Week 4 - 27 Mar 2017

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 5 - 03 Apr 2017

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Vacation Week - 10 Apr 2017

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 6 - 17 Apr 2017

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Written Assessment - Final Draft
Due: Week 6 Friday (21 Apr 2017) 5:00
pm AEST

Week 7 - 24 Apr 2017

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 8 - 01 May 2017

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 9 - 08 May 2017

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 10 - 15 May 2017

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 11 - 22 May 2017

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Week 12 - 29 May 2017

Module/Topic

Chapter

Events and Submissions/Topic

Review/Exam Week - 05 Jun 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Exam Week - 12 Jun 2017

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Assessment Tasks

1 Written Assessment - Progress report

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Please contact your supervisor for further details.

This item requires the student to provide a summary overview of the student's dissertation progress to-date including a brief account of milestones achieved (from HUMT20016) and work still to complete in advance of final submission of dissertation.

Assessment Due Date

Week 3 Friday (24 Mar 2017) 5:00 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 5 Friday (7 Apr 2017)

Weighting

10%

Assessment Criteria

As provided by the supervisor.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Refer to supervisor.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

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Graduate Attributes

- Knowledge
- Communication
- Cognitive, technical and creative skills
- Research
- Self-management
- Ethical and Professional Responsibility
- Leadership

2 Written Assessment - Final Draft

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Please contact your supervisor for details.

Assessment Due Date

Week 6 Friday (21 Apr 2017) 5:00 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 8 Friday (5 May 2017)

Weighting

40%

Assessment Criteria

Please contact your supervisor for details.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

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Graduate Attributes

- Knowledge
- Communication
- Cognitive, technical and creative skills
- Research
- Self-management
- Ethical and Professional Responsibility
- Leadership

3 Written Assessment - Dissertation Submission

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Submit a final draft of a 15,000 to 20,000 word thesis within the chosen discipline, that is Creative Writing, Film, History, Liberal Studies, Literature, Media Studies or Visual Culture which will meet the content and formal requirements of a dissertation within an AQF Level 9 course as advised by the thesis supervisor.

Assessment Due Date

Week 12 Friday (2 June 2017) 5:00 pm AEST

The dissertation will be assessed by external examination. This process can take anywhere between 8 - 12 weeks.

Return Date to Students

The dissertation will be assessed by external examination. This process can take anywhere between 8 - 12 weeks.

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

Please contact your thesis supervisor.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Demonstrate initiative and judgement in the scholarship and critical practice of investigation in one or more disciplines or areas of creative writing practice
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Graduate Attributes

- Knowledge
- Communication
- Cognitive, technical and creative skills
- Research
- Self-management
- Ethical and Professional Responsibility
- Leadership

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem