

University of
Hertfordshire



A pocket guide to your MA in:

*english
literature*

Modern Literary Cultures



MA English Literature: Modern Literary Cultures

The MA in Modern Literary Cultures offers you the opportunity to explore culturally charged themes and critical debates across a diverse range of texts. This year we will be focusing on: fin-de-siècle beliefs and obsessions; sex, class and violence in film and literature, and the representation and significance of the figure of the vampire.

Whether your principal reason for studying is for pleasure and personal development, or to achieve a further qualification, we can offer excellent facilities and flexible timetabling to suit your needs:

- One year full-time or two years part-time
- Evening-only study
- All assessment is by coursework
- Outstanding online support via StudyNet, our virtual learning environment
- Convenient location for access to major research libraries and activities in Central London (roughly 25 minutes by train).

Structure of the Programme

Our MA programme comprises two six-week modules, three twelve-week modules, and a dissertation. We are currently* offering the following modules:

- Dandies, Decadents and New Women.
- Fin de siècle Literary Culture: 1880-1900
- Reading the Vampire: Science, Sexuality and Alterity in Modern Culture
- Sex, Class and Violence: Studies in Literature and Film

You will also have the opportunity to research and write a 14,000-word dissertation on a topic of your choice, during which time you will be supported by a programme of close one-to-one supervision with an appropriate member of staff. For further details, please visit

www.go.herts.ac.uk/maliterature

*Modules subject to change, please visit the website for the most recent information





Teaching

Innovative critical approaches inform teaching on the MA programme, which reflects contemporary reassessments of the role of literary culture in modern society. You can expect to investigate topics such as the social contexts of literature, the nature of literary value, the literary articulation of sexual and gender identity, and popular culture. A major aspect of the MA is a final dissertation project, which allows you to develop a particular research interest arising out of the MA programme. Previous dissertations have investigated topics ranging from womens' ghost stories of the 1890s through to contemporary South African drama and representations of masculinity in comics.

“The course has been all-consuming. I got through because of the outstanding teaching and tutoring of the English department. I have been given an excellent education. Many new areas of knowledge have been opened up to me and my range of interests has multiplied. It may have been a small decision for you to have taken me onto the course, but the experience has been life changing for me. ”

John Molson

Modern Literary Cultures MA student

Research

The Literature group has a lively research culture and postgraduates are invited to join staff at a number of pertinent events featuring published authors and academics and to participate in their innovative programme of research seminars.

In the UK national Research Assessment Exercise (2008), conducted by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, 90% of the books and articles written by Literature teaching staff were judged to be world-leading or internationally recognised.

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Staff

Based in the School of Humanities, the MA calls on the expertise of staff who are distinguished in their field and publishing cutting-edge research.

Start dates and modes of study

This programme starts in September. Attendance is in the evening.





Entry requirements

We require at least an upper second class honours (or equivalent) degree with a significant element (at least 50%) of Literature. Graduates with an Honours Degree in any discipline who have otherwise demonstrated potential to succeed at postgraduate level in Literature will also be considered.

Application and fees information

Please see www.herts.ac.uk for information about fees and scholarships. Discounts on fees are available for University of Hertfordshire students who meet the required conditions.

See www.herts.ac.uk/international for information about international tuition fees and scholarships.

To apply, please contact the Admissions Service at admissions@herts.ac.uk or use the online application form at <https://uhapply.herts.ac.uk>

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