

Masters in German Studies

Taught Element:

120 credits: GM5011, GM5014, ML5001, ML5002, ML5004

MLitt:

120 credits as for Taught Element plus GM5099

MPhil:

120 credits as for Taught Element plus a thesis of not more than 40,000 words

For all Masters degrees there are exit awards available that allow suitably-qualified candidates to receive a Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma.

GM5011 German Literary and Cultural Contexts: Turning Points (40)				
SCOTCAT Credits:	40	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
<p>This module seeks to enable postgraduates actively to acquire advanced knowledge of contexts that have shaped literature and culture in the German-speaking lands from the Middle Ages to the present day. It draws on the expertise of academic teachers in the Department of German, and concentrates on the research-led study of selected turning points in the cultural, literary or intellectual history of the German-speaking lands. The turning points studied will vary but may include: Early Modern print culture, the making of German letters, the 'Sattelzeit' around 1800, urban modernisms around 1900, the Weimar Republic, Stunde Null and the radical contemporary.</p>				
Programme module type:	<p>Compulsory for German Studies Postgraduate Programme. Optional for German and Comparative Literature and Crossways in Cultural Narratives Mundus Postgraduate Programmes. Optional for other MLitt students in outside Modern Languages with permission of both Schools.</p>			
Anti-requisite(s):	GM5013			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: Seminars and occasional lectures.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr A Cusack			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	various			

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GM5014 Specialised Research in German Studies				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module provides the opportunity for postgraduate students to develop their skills of literary and textual analysis through directed reading on a topic of their choice. They will be able to study an author, discursive genre, or school in German literature, cultural studies or theory from the Medieval age to the modern day, and learn to generate original research questions on their chosen topic.				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for German Studies Postgraduate Programme. Optional for Comparative Literature, Cultural Identity Studies, Crossways in Cultural Narratives Mundus Postgraduate Programmes. Optional for other MLitt students outside Modern Languages with permission of both Schools.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: Fortnightly tutorials.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr A Cusack			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	various			

ML5001 Literary and Cultural Theory (1)				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	1
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
This module and its partner module ML5002 seek to provide the kind of research training now regarded as indispensable for all postgraduates by exploring a range of literary and cultural theories through which texts of all sorts may be conceptualised, criticised and analysed. We will study a broad chronological and national range of seminal thinkers and theories, which might typically include: Aristotle; Kant; Marxist theory; psychoanalytic theory; Benjamin; Adorno; structuralism, deconstruction and poststructuralism; feminist and queer theory; Fanon, Spivak and Bhabha; the posthuman.				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for Comparative Literature, Cultural Identity Studies, French Studies, German Studies, Italian Studies, Middle Eastern Literary and Cultural Studies, Russian Studies, Spanish and Latin American Studies, Crossways in Cultural Narratives Mundus Postgraduate Programmes. Optional for German and Comparative Literature Postgraduate Programme. Optional for other MLitt students outside Modern Languages with permission of both Schools.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: Lecture/seminar.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr E Hugueny-Leg�er			

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ML5002 Literary and Cultural Theory (2)				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
<p>This module and its 'partner' module ML5001 seek(s) to provide the kind of research training now regarded as indispensable for all postgraduates by exploring a range of literary and cultural theories through which texts of all sorts may be conceptualised, criticised and analysed. We will study a broad chronological and national range of seminal thinkers and theories, which might typically include: Plato; Nietzsche; Gramsci; Sartre; reader response theory; Foucault; Barthes; ecocriticism.</p>				
Programme module type:	<p>Compulsory for French Studies, German Studies, Italian Studies, Middle Eastern Literary and Cultural Studies, Russian Studies, Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Programmes.</p> <p>Optional for Cultural Identity Studies Postgraduate Programmes.</p> <p>Optional for other MLitt students outside Modern Languages with permission of both Schools.</p>			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 1 tutorial.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr K Holt			

ML5004 Research and Professional Skills				
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	2
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.			
<p>This module introduces students to a range of skills which are essential to advanced researchers and key to many other non-academic workplaces. We will focus on analytic and critical skills (for instance writing abstracts; critically reviewing articles and research seminar presentations; producing a research poster); oral skills (presentations; asking questions in research seminars); group work (planning a conference); IT research skills. The skills sessions will be tailored to suit modern linguists and comparatists. Seminar preparation and coursework will be directly linked to individual students' own research interests. First year PhD students are invited to audit some part of the programme, adding a valuable component of peer input to the module.</p>				
Programme module type:	<p>Compulsory for Comparative Literature, Cultural Identity Studies, French Studies, German Studies, Italian Studies, Middle Eastern Literary and Cultural Studies, Russian Studies, Spanish and Latin American Studies Postgraduate Programmes.</p> <p>Optional for Crossways in Cultural Narratives Mundus Postgraduate Programme.</p> <p>Optional for other MLitt students outside Modern Languages with permission of both Schools.</p>			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: Occasional seminars and practical classes.			
Assessment pattern:	Coursework = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Prof W Fowler			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	various			

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GM5099 Dissertation for MLitt Programme/s				
SCOTCAT Credits:	60	SCQF Level 11	Semester:	Whole Year
Planned timetable:	At times to be arranged with the supervisor.			
Student dissertations will be supervised by members of the teaching staff who will advise on the choice of subject and provide guidance throughout the research process. The completed dissertation of not more than 15,000 words must be submitted by the end of August.				
Programme module type:	Compulsory for German Studies MLitt Postgraduate Programme.			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: Individual Supervision.			
Assessment pattern:	Dissertation = 100%			
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr A Cusack			