

School of English

Important Degree Information:

B.Sc./M.A. Honours

The general requirements are 480 credits over a period of normally 4 years (and not more than 5 years) or part-time equivalent; the final two years being an approved honours programme of 240 credits, of which 90 credits are at 4000 level and at least a further 120 credits at 3000 and/or 4000 (H) levels. Refer to the appropriate Faculty regulations for lists of subjects recognised as qualifying towards either a B.Sc. or M.A. degree.

B.Sc./M.A. Honours with Integrated Year Abroad

The general requirements are 540 credits over a period of normally 5 years (and not more than 6 years) or part-time equivalent; the final three years being an approved honours programme of 300 credits, of which 60 credits are gained during the integrated year abroad, 90 credits are at 4000 level and at least a further 120 credits at 3000 and/or 4000 (H) levels. Refer to the appropriate Faculty regulations for lists of subjects recognised as qualifying towards either a B.Sc. or M.A. degree.

General Information: For students who spend part of the Honours Programme abroad on a recognised Exchange Scheme, the Programme Requirements will be amended to take into account courses taken while abroad.

Degree Programmes	Programme Requirements at:
(M.A. Honours): English	<p>Single Honours English:</p> <p>Level 1: 40 credits comprising EN1001 and EN1002 or EN1003 and EN1004;</p> <p>Level 2: 40 credits comprising: EN2003 and EN2002 or EN2004, with Grade 11 or better in both EN2003 and EN2002 or EN2004</p> <p>Level 3: 120 or 150 credits in English modules (except that, with permission of both Heads of School, 30 credits in another Honours school may be substituted for 30 English credits at 3000 level). EN3010 is compulsory, and at least one other module pre-dating 1837 (as indicated in School Handbook) must be taken (either at 3000- or 4000-level).</p> <p>Level 4: 90 or 120 credits in English modules (depending upon the number of 3000-level credits taken). EN4201 Dissertation is compulsory (except where EN4212 or EN4214 is substituted for it). In addition a 4000-level pre-1837 module (as indicated in School Handbook) is compulsory where such a module has not been taken at 3000-level.</p> <p>Other Information: The total number of English credits required at 3000- and 4000-level is 210 (where 30 'dip-across' credits are being offered) or 240 (where no 'dip-across' credits are being offered).</p>

Degree Programmes	Programme Requirements at:
<p>(M.A. Honours): English and Ancient History†, Arabic*, Art History, Biblical Studies, Classical Studies, Economics, Film Studies, French^, Geography*, German^, Greek, Hebrew, Italian^, Latin, Management, Mediaeval History, Middle East Studies, Modern History, Philosophyβ, Psychology, Russian*, ^, Scottish History, Social Anthropology, Spanish^, Theological Studies.</p> <p>† - this combination is not available to entrants after 2004-05</p> <p>* -Timetable clash means 2000 level English must be taken in First year to do this combination.</p> <p>β Despite timetable clash, 1000 level English must be taken in First year to do this combination.</p> <p>^ - available also as 'With Integrated Year Abroad Degrees'</p>	<p>English Element of Joint Degree:</p> <p>Level 1: 40 credits comprising EN1001 and EN1002 or EN1003 and EN1004;</p> <p>Level 2: 40 credits comprising: EN2003 and EN2002 (or EN2004), with Grade 11 or better in both EN2003 and EN2002(or EN2004)</p> <p>Level 3: 60 or 90 credits in English modules. At least one module pre-dating 1837 (as indicated in School Handbook) is compulsory.</p> <p>Level 4: 30 or 60 credits in English modules (so arranged that the total of 3000- and 4000-level credits in English modules does not exceed 150 credits and the total number of credits in the degree as a whole does not exceed 240).</p> <p>Other Information: Students whose English contribution to their joint-degree consists of 120 or 150 credits may (with permission of the Head of the School of English and the Head of the School in which the 'dip-across' module is taught) substitute up to 30 credits in a third school or subject for 30 English credits at 3000-level. In no case may the total of English credits at 3000- and 4000-level fall below 90.</p>
<p>(M.A. Honours): Modern Languages with English[^]</p> <p>^ - available also as 'With Integrated Year Abroad Degrees'</p>	<p>English element of Minor Degree:</p> <p>Level 1: 40 credits comprising EN1001 and EN1002 or EN1003 and EN1004</p> <p>Level 2: 40 credits comprising: EN2003 and EN2002(or EN2004), with Grade 11 or better in both EN2003 and EN2002 (or EN2004)</p> <p>Level 3: 30 or 60 credits</p> <p>Level 4: 30 or 60 credits</p> <p>Other Information: A total of 90 English credits shall be taken at 3000 and 4000 level.</p>
<p>(M.A. Honours): English with Linguistics[^]</p> <p>^ - available also as 'With Integrated Year Abroad Degrees'</p>	<p>English element of Major Degree:</p> <p>Level 1: 40 credits comprising EN1001 and EN1002 or EN1003 and EN1004;</p> <p>Level 2: 40 credits comprising:EN2003 and EN2002(or EN2004), with Grade 11 or better in both EN2003 and EN2002(or EN2004)</p> <p>Level 3: 90 credits in English modules (except that, with permission of both Heads of School, 30 credits in another Honours school may be substituted for 30 English credits at 3000 level). EN3010 is compulsory, and at least one other module pre-dating 1837 (as indicated in School Handbook) must be taken (at either 3000- or 4000-level).</p> <p>Level 4: 90 credits in English modules. EN4201 Dissertation is compulsory (except where EN4212 or EN4214 is substituted for it). In addition a 4000-level pre-1837 module (as indicated in School Handbook) is compulsory where such a module has not been taken at 3000-level.</p> <p>Other Information: Students should at the end of their degree course have 180 credits at 3000- and 4000-level in English modules (except that 30 'dip-across' credits may be substituted for 30 English credits at 3000-level) and 60 credits at 3000- and 4000-level in linguistics.</p>

Modules

Normally the prerequisite for each of the following Honours modules is entry to the Honours Programme(s) for which they are specified, as well as any additional specific prerequisite(s) given. Additional prerequisites are indicated for 4000 level modules.

General Degree students wishing to enter 3000 modules and non-graduating Students wishing to enter 3000 or 4000 level modules must consult with the relevant Honours Adviser within the School before making their selection.

English (EN) Modules

EN3002 Literary Theory

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: This module is designed to allow students to acquaint themselves with the principal critical theories which have underlain the production of Western literary work from its beginnings in Greek antiquity. It forms part of the study of literary history available to students in the School and the Faculty.

Class Hour: 11.00 am - 1.00 pm Friday.

Teaching: One lecture and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3010 Mediaeval Literature

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: This module will consist of close study of three major mediaeval texts in Old and Middle English in the original language.

Class Hour: 10.00 am Thursday.

Teaching: One lecture and one tutorial/seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3018 Literature and Ecology

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: An introduction to the history of ecology-related literature from the transcendentalists to the present, including the nature writing tradition, ecocriticism and writing as ecology. Beginning with Emerson and Thoreau, we examine how a transcendentalist philosophy of nature influenced English-language works in the UK and USA; we also address a number of schools or trends, including feminist, regional, naturalist, Native American and other indigenous thinking, as well as the implications of ecocritical writing for a wider field, including other literary-critical approaches, economics and history.

Class Hour: 11.00 am Thursday and 11.00 am Friday.

Teaching: One lecture and one seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3020 Tragedy in the Age of Shakespeare

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: The aim of the module is to develop an understanding of different versions of tragedy in the English Renaissance.

Class Hour: 10.00 am Monday and 10.00 am Wednesday.

Teaching: One lecture and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

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EN3021 Renaissance Literature: Texts and Contexts

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: The aim of the module is to develop an understanding of some major literary texts of the Renaissance both in formalist terms and in terms of their historical and cultural context. Authors considered will include Spenser, Shakespeare, Jonson, Donne, Herbert, Marvell and Milton.

Class Hour: 2.00 pm Tuesday and 2.00 pm Thursday.

Teaching: One lecture and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3022 Eighteenth-Century Poetry and Prose

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: This module is designed to allow students to acquaint themselves with some of the principal poetic and non-fictional prose texts of the period 1660-1790 together with the social background from which they derive. It will trace the gradual shift from the values of the Neoclassic period towards those of Romanticism.

Class Hour: 2.00 pm Tuesday and 2.00 pm Thursday.

Teaching: One lecture and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3023 The Development of the Novel to 1840

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: This module is designed to allow students to acquaint themselves with some of the principal novels of the period 1720-1840 together with the social background from which they derive. It will show the development of the novel form from its earliest stages to its establishment as the dominant literary form in the nineteenth century. It forms part of the critical and historical study of literature available to students in the School and the Faculty.

Class Hour: 10.00 am Tuesday and 10.00 am Thursday.

Teaching: One lecture and one seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3027 The Historical Novel

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: Not available 2006-07

Description: Concentrating on an often-neglected genre of writing, this module provides the opportunity for detailed study of a wide range of nineteenth- and twentieth-century novels with historical settings. These texts will be examined within a broader framework that asks students to analyse the diverse pictures these novels paint of the past. Students will consider the relationship between literature and historical narrative; the role of the imagination in shaping our view of the past; the social and cultural importance of different visions of history; and the manner in which such narratives are shaped in response to present-day concerns.

Class Hour: 12.00 noon Tuesday and 2.00 pm Thursday.

Teaching: One lecture and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3030 Revolution and Romanticism: Literature, History and Society, 1789-1805

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: This module provides wide-ranging reading in the literature of the 1790s, with emphasis on the interaction between literature, history and political revolution during this decade.

Class Hour: 11.00 am Tuesday and 10.00 am Wednesday.

Teaching: Two hours per week, seminars, lectures, or tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3031 The Younger Romantics: Poetry and Prose (1810-1830)

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: This module aims to acquaint students with the principal poetic and non-fictional prose texts of the second generation of English Romantic writers.

Class Hour: 11.00 am Thursday and 11.00 am Friday.

Teaching: Two hours per week: seminars, lectures or tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3032 Aspects of Modern Poetry

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: This module aims to acquaint students with a good range of the major poets in English of the twentieth century, from Thomas Hardy to Dylan Thomas.

Class Hour: 10.00 am Tuesday and 11.00 Thursday.

Teaching: One lecture, one fortnightly seminar and one fortnightly tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3040 Self and Society in the Victorian Novel

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: This module is based on the close study of (typically) five Victorian novels. It will concentrate on two related thematic issues: the sense of social and historical change, and the search for coherence and stability in the self. Students will examine the way the novel both reflected and contributed to contemporary debate on such topics as the re-emergence of feminist argument, urbanisation, and evolutionary theory. Attention will also be given to the formal inventiveness of the Victorian novel, in particular the use of non-realist elements, and the different roles given to the narrators.

Class Hour: 2.00 pm Tuesday and 10.00 am Friday.

Teaching: One lecture, one fortnightly seminar and one fortnightly tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

EN3041 Aspects of Modern Fiction

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: This module aims to acquaint students with a good range of the major fiction writers of the twentieth century in English, from Joseph Conrad to William Golding.

Class Hour: 12.00 noon Monday and 12.00 noon Friday.

Teaching: One lecture, one fortnightly seminar and one fortnightly tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3042 Twentieth-Century British and Irish Drama

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: This module aims to introduce students to English drama of the twentieth century and to issues in the study of drama of any period.

Class Hour: 12.00 noon Monday and 12.00 noon Wednesday

Teaching: One lecture and one seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

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EN3055 Scottish Verse

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: Not available 2006-07

Description: This module provides a survey of Scottish poetry that includes some detailed engagement with major poets such as Dunbar, Burns and MacDiarmid, as well as the opportunity to work with living writers.

Class Hour: 12.00 noon Tuesday and 12.00 noon Thursday.

Teaching: One lecture/seminar and one seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3056 Scottish Fiction

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: This module provides an introduction to the tradition of Scottish fiction since Scott by means of close study of major works by leading Scottish novelists of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Class Hour: 10.00 am Monday and 10.00 am Wednesday.

Teaching: One lecture, one seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3060 Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: This module consists of the study of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* for its individual tales and as a whole, with regard to such key features as genre, structure, mediaeval literary thought and gender.

Class Hour: 11.00 am – 1.00 pm Wednesday.

Teaching: One lecture and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3065 Twentieth-Century American Drama

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: This module aims to introduce students to 'classic' American plays of the twentieth century and to issues involved in the study of drama of any period.

Class Hour: 12.00 noon Tuesday and 12.00 noon Thursday.

Teaching: Two one hour seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3066 Shakespeare and the Beginnings of English Citizen Comedy

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: This module aims to introduce students to the beginnings of English citizen drama in the mediaeval Mystery and Morality plays and then to consider later plays, including a number by Shakespeare, which take urban living for their setting and treat it in a range of modes.

Class Hour: 12.00 noon Monday and 10.00 am Friday.

Teaching: One lecture and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN3901 Culture and Society in Modern Scotland

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: A core module for Honours Scottish Studies, Scottish writing will be studied interactively with social and political history - for example, Modern Scottish Fiction studied in its artistic and cultural setting against a background of the economic and social conditions of urban and rural Scotland of the time. Literary texts and paintings, such as those of the Scottish Renaissance movement, will be examined in the light of Scottish artistic taste, the social and political conditions of the 1930s, and more recent writing, art and society.

Class Hour: 2.00 - 4.00 pm Monday.

Teaching: One two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4005 The Novels of Jane Austen in Context

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: This module will examine the six major novels of Jane Austen in the context of novels by three of her contemporaries, Mary Wollstonecraft, Maria Edgeworth and Ann Radcliffe. It aims to encourage an understanding of Austen's work in the light of Romantic period aesthetics and politics and to explore Austen's affinities with and departures from the novelistic conventions of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The module will also consider critical and theoretical approaches to Austen's writing and selected contemporary translations of Austen's work through recent screen adaptations of her novels.

Class Hour: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon Monday.

Teaching: One two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4007 The Art of Victorian Poetry

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Availability: Not available 2006-07

Description: This module explores the richness and diversity of poetry written and/or published in the period 1837-1901. Covering a range of major works, it examines the new demands made of poetry in this era, and the different ways in which poets respond to the challenge of skepticism and disagreement about poetry's place in an industrialized society. The structure of the module is both chronological and thematic, addressing issues such as gender, class, religion, and nation in relation to Victorian poetry. Throughout, the module uses the background of visual art – including poetry book illustration, Victorian paintings based on subjects from Victorian poetry, and artworks commemorated in Victorian poems – to highlight issues regarding poetry's status, aims, and appearance in the period. Looking at the art of poetry in relation to visual art, it asks how Victorian poetry aligns itself with broader aesthetic debates about form, function, and representation.

Class Hour: 11.00 am – 1.00 pm Friday.

Teaching: One two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4009 Renaissance Sexualities: Rhetoric and the Body 1580-1660

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: The Reformation and Renaissance in English saw shifts in thinking about the place of sexuality and gender in society. Married chastity was spiritually elevated over monastic celibacy, and a classical tradition of temperate control of appetites competed with a Christian tradition of condemning all non-procreative sex. At the same time, this 'Renaissance of chastity' constrained women as imaginative writers. This module will examine the representation of sexuality and gender in poems, prose and drama by men and women in the period 1580 – 1660, focusing on such issues as the transvestite stage, the rhetorical concept of 'manly' style, interpretations of Genesis, the ideology of friendship and transformations in the traditions of love poetry.

Class Hour: 2.00 and 3.00 pm Monday.

Teaching: One lecture and one seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

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EN4201 Dissertation in English

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Prerequisites: A pass in any 3000-level English module.

Description: This module provides an opportunity to undertake a sustained piece of independent work, on a topic chosen by the student in consultation with a member of the School, leading to the presentation of an essay not more than 10,000 words in length. The dissertation may consist of a critical discussion or of a project based on the extensive collection of electronic texts currently available to the School. It will involve personal reading and research and will develop a range of skills, including investigative reading, use of information technology, the exploitation of library and internet resources, and the organisation and presentation of evidence and argument. Guidance will be given on scholarly conventions and basic research methods.

Class Hour: 3.00 pm Monday.

Assessment: Dissertation = 100%

Re-Assessment: 3 Hour Examination = 100%

EN4203 Speeches and Speechwriting: History, Theory and Practice

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: An introduction to speechwriting, involving a survey of the historical tradition of eloquence as an educational, political, and literary tool, with analysis and practice of rhetorical figures and strategies. Rooted in close reading of speeches from the Renaissance to the present day, the module examines: Classical models and tropes; the values and practices of Renaissance speechmaking; the rise and fall of 'rhetoric' in the 18th and 19th centuries; and the politics of gender, race, and class in contemporary speechmaking styles. Students will write and deliver their own speeches on a set topic as part of the module.

Class Hour: 3.00 pm Tuesday and 2.00 pm Friday

Teaching: Lectures, seminars and practical classes.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4212 Old English Poetry

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: Not available 2006-07

Anti-requisite: EN3012

Description: A wide-ranging study of Old English poetry, including heroic and elegiac works, wisdom-poetry, riddles, and religious verse. The texts chosen for study reflect the variety and quality of Old English poetry, and reveal ways in which traditional Germanic forms and themes were adapted within the literate Christian culture of Anglo-Saxon England.

Class Hour: 2.00 – 4.00 pm Monday.

Teaching: Two tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4214 Middle English Literature

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: The module consists of the study of a number of late mediaeval English texts from the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries in the original language.

Class Hour: 10.00 am Tuesday and 10.00 am Thursday.

Teaching: Two tutorials.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4216 Mediaevalism

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Availability: Not available 2006-07

Description: This module considers literary efforts to continue, revive or adapt the Mediaeval by reference to a range of texts from Spenser to Tolkien. Areas of study will include *The Faerie Queene*; Eighteenth-century Gothick; Scott and the Romantics; the Pre-Raphaelites; the Arts and Crafts Movement and its modern followers. Much of the base material can be found in the *Norton Anthology of English Literature*, to be supplemented by other literary texts and ancillary material from religion, art and architecture.

Class Hour: 3.00 pm Tuesday and 2.00 pm Friday.

Teaching: One seminar/lecture, one tutorial/seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4217 Arthurian Legend and Middle English Romance

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: This module aims to provide the student with a comprehensive and sophisticated understanding of the development of mediaeval romance in Britain, and the role of Arthurian legend in creating and sustaining this popular and flexible genre. The module begins by tracing the evolving literary figure of Arthur, whose development parallels that of the romance genre itself. The major themes, issues, and narrative forms of the genre are then explored through a range of Arthurian and non-Arthurian texts. The contemporary audience for, and patronage of, the mediaeval romances will be examined partly through issues raised in the texts themselves, such as social class and gender (from the beginning, women played a large role in both the audience and patronage of romances), and partly through direct consideration of their textual transmission and manuscript background. Who wrote these texts? Who read them? How and where, in an age before printing, were they circulated and publicised? And finally, what was (and is) their enduring appeal?

Class Hour: 12.00 noon Tuesday and 2.00 pm Thursday.

Teaching: Two seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

EN4226 Shakespeare and Film

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1 (06/07) 2 (07/08)

Description: A study of filmed versions of Shakespeare's plays (including adaptations) from the silent era to the present, including an introductory exploration of film history, theory and practice. There will be a film viewing each week and students will have the opportunity to map out a design for filming a scene from one of the plays as part of their assessment.

Class Hour: Tuesday 3.00 pm, plus film viewing.

Teaching: One lecture plus one film viewing session.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

EN4233 Poetry in English since 1950

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: This module aims to acquaint students with major poetry in English written and published since 1950.

Class Hour: 10.00 am Tuesday and 11.00 am Thursday.

Teaching: Two seminars.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

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EN4235 Romantic Writing and Women

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: The work of Blake, Wordsworth and Shelley is well known to students of Romanticism – but what of their female contemporaries? This module explores the richly varied and often exciting fiction, poetry and non-fictional prose emanating from the pen of women writers in the aftermath of the French Revolution, showing how a ‘revolution in female manners’ sprang out of the momentous changes of post-1789 European society.

Class Hour: 11.00 am Monday and 12.00 noon Friday.

Teaching: One lecture/seminar and one tutorial/seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4243 Contemporary Fiction

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Anti-requisite: EN3041 in the same semester

Description: This module is designed to explore the range and diversity of British and American fiction of the last two decades, including examples of the short story, and to meet the challenge of entering into debate in areas where there is no body of settled opinion. Texts selected will vary from year to year. Students will typically examine from seven to nine works, looking at both thematic and formal issues.

Class Hour: 11.00 am – 1.00 pm Monday.

Teaching: One 2 hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4244 Twentieth-Century Crime Fiction: Gender and Genre

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: This module will analyse social, cultural and literary formations through the medium of popular fiction. It offers a contrast to the twentieth century canon, and students will be encouraged to interrogate prevailing attitudes towards and representations of gender and sexuality. The module will also focus on the reappropriation of the genre by contemporary gay, lesbian and feminist writers. Among authors studied will be Agatha Christie, Dorothy L. Sayers, Raymond Chandler, Sara Paretsky and Ian Rankin.

Class Hour: 11.00 am – 1.00 pm Wednesday.

Teaching: One lecture and one seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4247 Modern American Drama

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: This module aims to introduce students to recent and contemporary American plays and to issues involved in the study of drama of any period. It is offered as a complement to EN3065 in which plays from the early and middle years of the twentieth century are studied.

Class Hour: 11.00 am Tuesday and 12.00 noon Thursday.

Teaching: One 2 hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4248 Women, Writing and Representation in the Second World War

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: This module aims to consider both women's literary responses to the Second World War and the contexts within which those responses were formulated. It will examine the impact of conflict on constructions of masculinity and femininity and explore the contrasting strategies through which writers made sense of the radical dislocations of war. Issues considered will include the construction of national identities, the conflict between pacifism and patriotism, the implications of fascism, the guilt of the survivor and the paradoxical liberation sometimes associated with war. The module will examine a variety of genres including poetry, fiction, journalism and autobiography and will also explore the representation of women in film and advertising.

Class Hour: 3.00 – 5.00 pm Tuesday.

Teaching: One lecture, one seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4249 D.H. Lawrence

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: A range of D.H. Lawrence's works – novels and shorter fiction, plays, poems and non-fiction prose – will be studied in their literary, social and historical contexts. Students will be encouraged in the close study of the chosen texts, and required to give spoken presentations on selected topics in relation to these texts as well as to write essays and examination answers on them.

Class Hour: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon Monday.

Teaching: Two hour seminar.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4261 Restoration Theatre

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: This module aims to introduce students to examples of the varied kinds of Restoration drama, studied in conjunction with contemporary material on the theatres, on the plays and playwrights and on social/political background as well as with more modern critical writing.

Class Hour: 2.00 pm Tuesday and 10.00 am Friday.

Teaching: One lecture and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4262 Thomas Hardy

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 2

Description: This module is based on the close study of a selection of the prose fiction, poetry and autobiographical writings of Thomas Hardy. Students will examine Hardy's position as a regional writer, his relation to 'realism', and his representation of women and sexuality; the features, thematic and formal, which have made him a major influence on twentieth-century poetry; and the relevance of (auto)biographical and historical questions to the study of his work. The module will introduce students to a range of issues in social, literary and intellectual history, and to the use and evaluation of some recent developments in critical theory.

Class Hour: 11.00 am Tuesday and 12.00 noon Thursday.

Teaching: One lecture, one fortnightly seminar and one fortnightly tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 60%, 2 Hour Examination = 40%

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EN4267 Early English Romance Comedy: Shakespeare and his Contemporaries

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: Students will consider the dramatic rendering of romance material in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries alongside contemporary writing on dramatic theory and information about staging. About half the plays studied will be by Shakespeare.

Class Hour: 2.00 pm Monday and 11.00 am Wednesday.

Teaching: One lecture and one seminar/ tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4268 Virginia Woolf

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: The writings of Virginia Woolf have had a major impact on the development of the English novel this century. This module involves detailed study of Woolf's most important fictional texts, and also considers her contribution to literary criticism and feminism through readings of selected extracts from her essays and diaries. The development of critical and communication skills through written and oral assignments will be an integral part of the module.

Class Hour: 3.00 - 5.00 pm Thursday.

Teaching: One lecture and one seminar/ tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 50%, 2 Hour Examination = 50%

EN4270 Creative Writing

Credits: 30.0 Semester: 1

Description: A persuasive school of thought believes that the study of poetry can be greatly enhanced by learning how to write in such long-lived and basic forms as the sonnet as well as acquiring a practical knowledge of versification. Similarly, an understanding of fiction can be enhanced by an awareness of different approaches to narrative, dialogue and characterisation. Poetry and fiction will therefore be studied from these practical and technical perspectives in alternate weeks.

Class Hour: 2.00 pm Monday, and 11.00 am - 1.00 pm Wednesday.

Teaching: One seminar and one tutorial

Assessment: Continuous Assessment =100%