

SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

In addition to the four compulsory modules offered by the Graduate School (GRSC6100, GRSC6101, GRSC6102, GRSC6108/6138), all MPhil and 4-year PhD students are required to take three compulsory courses (ENGL6001, ENGL6070, and ENGL7011) and one elective course from the School of English course list below.

All 3-year PhD students are required to take one compulsory course (ENGL6001) and two electives from the list below in addition to the two compulsory Graduate School modules (GRSC6101 and GRSC6102).

ENGL6001. Research Seminar

This course will take place in the first semester of the candidate's programme. The student and the supervisor will draw up a programme of reading aimed to meet particular needs such as acquiring background knowledge, understanding different theoretical approaches, etc. The student will be required to develop a substantial annotated bibliography at the end of the course.
Assessment: 100% coursework (graded on a letter grade basis)

ENGL6003. Guided Reading Course

This is a course of individual study with a syllabus drawn up and agreed by the student and the supervisor. They will meet regularly for discussion of the readings. Assessment will be written assignments at postgraduate levels prescribed by the supervisor.
Assessment: 100% coursework (graded on a letter grade basis)

ENGL6053. Special Topics in English Studies

The aim of the course is to introduce students to the topics which are of relevance to their research study but have not been taken previously. Students will be instructed to attend one undergraduate or taught postgraduate course from the department as prescribed by the supervisor(s) and/or the Chair of the Departmental Research Postgraduate Committee. Students will also be required to do further guided readings and/or attend extra tutorials. The mode of assessment depends on the course attended.
Assessment: 100% coursework (graded on a letter grade basis)

ENGL6070. Introduction to Thesis Writing in English Studies*

This course offers students a framework within which they discuss the genre of thesis writing, in particular the various stages of a research thesis, with reference to the thesis format required by the University. Assessment will be written assignments at postgraduate levels prescribed by the supervisor.
Assessment: 100% coursework (graded on a letter grade basis)

* Students taking ENGL6070 are exempt from the Graduate School Module 3 "GRSC6120 Introduction to Thesis Writing (Humanities)" or "GRSC6140 Advanced Thesis Writing (Humanities)".

ENGL7011. Research Methods*

This course offers an introduction to research methods in English literary and language studies. It will be conducted on a one-on-one basis with the student's supervisor. Topics to be followed include: development of theoretical framework, identification of research questions, use of primary and secondary materials, and thesis writing. Each student, with their supervisor's guidance, will first draw up an individual programme of reading appropriate to the student's research project. This reading schedule may focus on acquiring background knowledge or exploring a variety of theoretical approaches to a topic. The student should then produce a substantial essay drawing on the reading done,

demonstrating writing skills and the ability to think critically. The course structure should allow for the correction of a draft before the final submission of the term paper (5-6000 words).

Assessment: 100% coursework (graded on a letter grade basis)

* Students taking ENGL7011 are exempt from the Graduate School Module 2 “GRSC6104 Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods (Humanities)” or “GRSC6106 Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods (Humanities)”.