



Approved August 2018 for English and Creative Writing reapproval

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

1. General information

Awarding body / institution	Leeds Trinity University
Teaching institution	Leeds Trinity University
'Parent' School (<i>ICE / SAC / SSHS</i>)	SAC
Academic Group (<i>or Cluster if clearer</i>)	English and Creative Writing
Professional accreditation body (<i>if applicable</i>)	N/A
Final award (<i>eg. BA Hons</i>)	BA Hons
Title of programme(s)	English and Film
Subsidiary award(s) (<i>if any</i>)	Certificate of Higher Education Diploma of Higher Education Ordinary Degree
Honours type (<i>Single / Joint / Combined</i>)	Joint
Duration and mode(s) of study	3 years full-time
Month/year of approval of programme	August 2018
Start date (this version) (<i>month and year</i>)	September 2018
Periodic review next due (<i>academic year</i>)	2022/23
JACS and HECoS subject code(s) (<i>Level 3</i>) (Please refer to HESA listing on AQO website)	Q300 (50%) HECOS: 100320 P303 (50%) HECOS: 100058
UCAS course code & route code (available from Admissions)	QP3H
SITS codes (<i>Course / Pathway / Route</i>) (available from Student Administration)	UENGAFIL
Delivery venue(s)	Leeds Trinity University

2. Aims of the programme

Rationale and general aims, including what is special about this programme (from the student's and a marketing perspective)

This programme is designed for students who are interested in both film and literature. It aims to provide them with the opportunity to enjoy learning about, and engaging with, a broad range of literary texts in English; while also learning about the analysis of film and learning more about how films are made.

It is designed to enable students to:

- develop detailed knowledge of a range of literary texts and films and their relevant contexts
- describe and analyse texts and films in terms of their use of language and convention
- explore the relation of text / film to context
- reflect on social and ethical issues explored in texts and films and in critical debate
- conduct independent research using appropriate scholarly resources
- present research findings effectively, both in writing and through presentation
- experience some of the practical aspects of film-making and participate in making a short film
- develop their confidence in critical thinking and creative response to problems
- reflect on and maximise their future employability as graduates.

The professional development modules at each Level provide students with extended opportunities to gain workplace experience, develop professional skills and insights, and relate their academic and personal development to the world of work. These modules are supported by Leeds Trinity University's existing links with a wide range of organisations including schools, media organisations, charities, local businesses, publishers, and magazine and blog writers in Leeds. The programme also benefits from the in-house film production team, Trinity Vision, which has a full range of in-house film and radio production facilities.

Staff teaching on the programme include published writers, active in academic research, creative writing and performance, and staff with experience of working in the film industry.

3. Student learning outcomes of the programme

Learning outcomes in terms of:

- knowledge and understanding (K)
- intellectual / cognitive / 'thinking' skills (I)
- practical skills specific to the subject (P)
- employability skills (E)

The 'K1', etc codes are used in section 7b) and module descriptors to refer to each of these learning outcomes.

On successful completion of the programme students will have *demonstrated*

Knowledge and Understanding

- K1 **Subject Knowledge** – sound knowledge and critical understanding of a substantial number of literary texts in the principal genres of prose, drama, and poetry, and also of principal media forms and production processes, and the theories, concepts and methods required for the analysis of literature and film.
- K2 **Contextual Knowledge** – sound knowledge of a range of appropriate contexts, including historical, biographical, technological and commercial, and an awareness of the ways in which they might have influenced the production, distribution and the reception of literature and film.
- K3 **Knowledge of Subject Conventions and Resources** – sound knowledge and understanding of the scholarly conventions appropriate to both English and Film and the research and communication strategies required in order to achieve proficiency in these disciplines.
- K4 **Arts and Social Meaning** – knowledge and understanding of the the power of the literature and film in creating, shaping, and mediating meanings and values and to engage with personal, social and ideological values.

Intellectual / Cognitive / 'Thinking' Skills

- I1 **Interpretation / Production** – secure use of appropriate skills in the production of literature or film and of the critical skills in the close reading, analysis, interpretation and evaluation of texts and films.
- I2 **Contextualisation** – an ability to relate a critical interpretation of texts and films to their historical, commercial and socio-cultural contexts.
- I3 **Creating Solutions** – an ability to identify and solve problems critically through the use of research techniques, resources and methods to locate and select appropriate evidence and to create coherent evidence-based solutions, or through a critical reflective understanding of creative methods and processes to create appropriate aesthetic solutions.
- I4 **Communicating Solutions** – an ability to communicate research findings in accordance with the normal academic standards and conventions of presentation and to do so adequately in various fora and media.
- I5 **Ethical Self-Awareness** – an ability to use different critical approaches to material studied, discuss texts and films in relation to ethical debates, and reflect from an international perspective on their own assumptions and practices as audiences, readers and writers.

Employability skills

- E1 **Self-management** – the ability to plan and manage time; readiness to accept responsibility and improve their own performance based on feedback/reflective learning; the ability to take initiative and be proactive, flexible and resilient;
- E2 **Teamworking** – the ability to co-operate with others on a shared task and to recognise and take on appropriate team roles; leading, contributing to discussions and negotiating; contributing to discussions; awareness of interdependence with others;
- E3 **Business and sector awareness** – an understanding of the key drivers for business success, including the importance of customer/client satisfaction and innovation; understanding of the market/sector in which an organisation operates; the ability to recognise the external context and pressures on an organisation, including concepts such as value for money, profitability and sustainability;
- E4 **Problem-solving** – a capacity for critical reasoning, analysis and synthesis; a capacity for applying knowledge in practice; an ability to retrieve, analyse and evaluate information from different sources;
- E5 **Communication** – the ability to present information clearly and appropriately, both orally and in writing, and to tailor messages to specific audiences and purposes;
- E6 **Application of numeracy** – a general awareness of mathematics and its application in practical contexts; the ability to carry out arithmetic operations and understand data, to read and interpret graphs and tables and to manage a budget;
- E7 **Application of information technology** – the ability to identify the appropriate IT package for a given task; familiarity with word-processing, spreadsheets and file management; the ability to use the internet and email effectively.
- E8 **Entrepreneurship/enterprise** – the ability to demonstrate an innovative approach and creativity, to generate ideas and to identify and take opportunities;

E9 **Social, cultural & civic awareness** – embracement of an ethos of community and civic responsibility; an appreciation of diversity and ethical issues; an understanding of cultures and customs in the wider community.

See also the generic learning outcomes for subsidiary awards set out in section 4 below.

3a External benchmarks

Statement of congruence with the relevant published subject benchmark statements

(including appropriate references to any PSRB, employer or legislative requirements)

The English and Film Studies programme is compliant with the most recent QAA subject benchmark statements:

- QAA [Quality Assurance Agency] benchmark statement for English (February 2015): <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/Publications/Documents/SBS-English-15.pdf>
- QAA [Quality Assurance Agency] benchmark statement for Creative Writing (2016): <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/Publications/Documents/SBS-Creative-Writing-16.pdf>
- QAA [Quality Assurance Agency] draft benchmark statement for Communication, Media, Film and Cultural Studies (April 2016): <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/Publications/Documents/SBS-Communication-Media-Film-and-Cultural-Studies-consultation-16.pdf>

4. Learning outcomes for subsidiary awards

Guidance	
<p>The assessment strategy is designed so that each of these outcomes is addressed by more than one module at Level 4.</p>	<p>Generic Learning outcomes for the award of <u>Certificate of Higher Education</u>:</p> <p>On successful completion of 120 credits at Level 4, students will have demonstrated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) knowledge of a range of films and literary texts in different genres; ii) ability to formulate questions and carry out research into films, literary texts and their contexts using appropriate academic resources; iii) ability to apply different approaches and concepts to the analysis and discussion of films and literary texts; iv) understanding of some aspects of film production; v) ability to communicate the results of their work coherently; <p>and will have had specific opportunities to display transferable skills relevant to employment related to the discipline.</p> <p>Generic Learning outcomes for the award of <u>Diploma of Higher Education</u>:</p> <p>On successful completion of 240 credits, including 120 at Level 5, students will have demonstrated, in addition to the outcomes for a Certificate:</p>
<p>The assessment strategy is designed so that each of these outcomes is</p>	

- L5 – ENG5412 *Literary Period: Twentieth-Century Literature*
- L6 – ENG6552 *Dreaming the Middle Ages*
- L6 – ENG6532 *From The Tatler to Frankenstein: Reading Eighteenth-Century and Romantic Texts*
- L6 – ENG6772 *The Child and The Book*
- L6 - ENG6222 *Modernisms*
- L6 – ENG6912 *Postmodern Fiction*

Film Analysis

- L4 – MFC4082 *Analysing Film*
- L5 – MFC5602 *Theorising Film*
- L5 – MFC5112 *Understanding Disney*
- L6 – MFC6582 *Computational Film Analysis*
- L6 – MFC6112 *European Cinema*

Professional Practice

- L4 – ENG4992 *Ethics, Society and Employability*
- L5 – ENG5012 *Professional Development and Placement*
- L5 – ENG5112 *Professional Development and Placement (Volunteering)*
- L6 – HUM6252 *Professional Learning Through Work*

Interdisciplinary Analysis [optional theme] – modules for study of texts and/or films

- L6 – ENG6552 *Dreaming the Middle Ages*
- L6 – MFC6182 *Science Fiction*
- L6 – MFC6162 *Film and Television Adaptation*

Creative Arts Industries [optional theme]

- L4 – MFC4432 *International Film Industries*
- L4 – MFC4412 *Camera, Photography, and Lighting*
- L5 – MFC5042 *Script to Screen*
- L5 – MFC5072 *UK Film Industry*
- L5 – MFC5202 *Documentary Theory and Practice*
- L6 – MFC6044 *Advanced Documentary Production*
- L6 – MFC6404 *Advanced Short Film Production*

Creative Writing [optional theme]

- L4 – MFC4352 *Introduction to Scriptwriting*
- L5 – ENG5742 *Creative Writing Workshop 2*
- L5 – MFC5042 *Script to Screen*

Section 7a of this document (below) describes how the content of the programme is further structured in progressive stages (by level) to ensure that the teaching and learning is cumulative and progressive.

6. Structure

BA (Hons) English and Film			
Duration:	3 years full-time		
Total credit rating:	360 (ECTS: 180)		
<u>Level 4</u> - with effect from September 2018			
Core:	Students are required to take:		
ENG4412	Research and Essay Writing 1: Focus on Plays	Sem 1	20 credits
ENG4882	Vampires and Detectives: Reading Popular Genres	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
ENG4992	Ethics, Society and Employability	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
ENG4562	Reading Literature: Prose and Poetry	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
MFC4082	Analysing Film	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
MFC4000	Programme Level Assessment	Sem 2	0 credits
Option:	Students are required to choose 20 credits from:		
MFC4412	Camera, Photography and Lighting	Sem 1	20 credits
MFC4432	International Film Industries	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
MFC4352	Introduction to Scriptwriting	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
<u>Level 5</u> – 2018/19 only			
Core:	Students are required to take:		
MFC5602	Theorising Film	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
Option	Students are required to choose 20 credits from:		
ENG5122	Research and Essay Writing 2: Victorian Literature	Sem 1	20 credits
MFC5032	Researching Media Film and Culture	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
Option	Students are required to choose 20 credits from:		
ENG5012	Professional Development and Placement	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
ENG5112	Professional Development and Placement (Volunteering)	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
Option	Students are required to choose either 20 or 40 credits from:		
ENG5132	Franchising Fiction	Sem 1	20 credits
ENG5732	Constructions of Gender	Sem 2	20 credits
ENG5742	Creative Writing Workshop 2	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
ENG5822	Magical Realism in World Fiction	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
HUM5902	Spanish: Language and Culture	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
Option	Students are required to choose 20 or 40 credits from:		
MFC5042	Script to Screen	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
MFC5072	UK Film Industry	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
MFC5112	Understanding Disney	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
MFC5202	Documentary: Theory and Practice	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
<u>Level 5</u> – with effect from September 2019			
Core:	Students are required to take:		
MFC5602	Theorising Film	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
Option	Students are required to choose 20 credits from:		
ENG5122	Research and Essay Writing 2: Victorian Literature	Sem 1	20 credits

MFC5032	Researching Media Film and Culture	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
Option	Students are required to choose 20 credits from:		
ENG5012	Professional Development and Placement	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
ENG5112	Professional Development and Placement (Volunteering)	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
Option	Students are required to choose either 20 or 40 credits from:		
ENG5732	Constructions of Gender	Sem 1	20 credits
ENG5132	Franchising Fiction	Sem 2	20 credits
ENG5412	Literary Period: Twentieth-Century Literature	Sem 2	20 credits
ENG5542	Shakespearean Drama	Sem 2	20 credits
ENG5742	Creative Writing Workshop 2	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
ENG5822	Magical Realism in World Fiction	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
HUM5902	Spanish: Language and Culture	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
Option	Students are required to choose 20 or 40 credits from:		
MFC5042	Script to Screen	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
MFC5072	UK Film Industry	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
MFC5112	Understanding Disney	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
MFC5202	Documentary: Theory and Practice	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
Level 6 – with effect from September 2019			
Option:	Students are required to choose 40 credits from:		
ENG6714	Dissertation	Sem 1 & 2	40 credits
MFC6234	Media Film and Culture Research	Sem 1 & 2	40 credits
Option:	Students are required to choose 40 credits from:		
ENG6552	Dreaming the Middle Ages	Sem 1	20 credits
ENG6532	From <i>The Tatler</i> to <i>Frankenstein</i> Reading Eighteenth-Century and Romantic Texts	Sem 1	20 credits
ENG6222	Modernisms	Sem 1	20 credits
ENG6772	The Child and the Book	Sem 2	20 credits
ENG6912	Postmodern Fiction	Sem 2	20 credits
ENG6302	Authors in Depth	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
ENG6742	Creative Writing Workshop 3	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
HUM6012	Great Thinkers: Applying Political Ideas	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
HUM6252	Professional Learning Through Work	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
HUM6272	Victorian Cultures	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
Option:	Students are required to choose 40 credits from:		
HUM6252	Professional Learning Through Work	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
MFC6112	European Cinema	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
MFC6162	Film and Television Adaptation	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
MFC6182	Science Fiction	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
MFC6582	Computational Film Analysis	Sem 1 & 2	20 credits
MFC6044	Advanced Documentary Production*	Sem 1 & 2	40 credits
MFC6404	Advanced Short Film Production*	Sem 1 & 2	40 credits
*There is a prerequisite for enrolment on this module – see section 10.			

7. Learning, teaching and assessment

7a) Statement of the strategy for learning, teaching and assessment for the programme

The learning and teaching provision on the English and Film programme is aligned with the University's Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy 2015-2019, supporting the principle that students are co-creators of their own learning and providing the skills and understanding required for them to manage that learning. The following approaches are prioritised in delivering the English and Film programme:

Learning

- **Progressive Learning Structure:** The learning is structured according to levels, to ensure that students are equipped with the knowledge and basic skills in the first year that enable them to explore project work at Level 5, and building confidence for the independent work undertaken at Level 6. The principles involved are as follows:
 - **Level 4 (Foundation and Tools):** There is an emphasis on learning what university-level study involves – including using appropriate research resources, learning conventions of scholarship, critical thinking, and the construction of a clear argument. The core module ENG4412 *Research and Essay Writing 1: Focus on Plays* explores fundamental research skills and resources; the core module ENG4562 *Reading Literature: Prose and Poetry* engages students with close reading skills across a range of genres; and the core module MFC4082 *Analysing Film* ensures students have a good grounding in the analysis and description of film style.
 - **Level 5 (Range and Exploration):** students consolidate their understanding of good scholarship, practise the skills introduced at Level 4, and explore the full range of research resources available. ENG5122 *Research and Essay Writing 2: Victorian Literature* and MFC5032 *Researching Media Film and Culture* prepare students for their final-year dissertation by requiring them to devise their own research project.
 - **Level 6 (Focus and Specialisation):** Students complete a substantial research project for ENG6714 *English Dissertation* or MFC6234 *Media Research Dissertation*; and choose from a range of modules according to the interests they have developed and with the opportunity to work in areas of staff research interest.

Teaching:

- **Student-Centred Learning:** The programme's modules offer small class sizes, with an emphasis on enquiry and problem-solving, and a variety of different teaching methods used to encourage active student participation in learning (both as individuals and in groups), with regular provision of formative feedback on those activities.
- **Directed Activities:** At Level 4, to support student learning and active engagement in teaching sessions, specific activities are completed each week between sessions. These are also used, as appropriate, as a vehicle for formative feedback and for structuring teaching sessions.
- **Use of VLE:** Learning materials and resources are supplied in advance via Moodle. Resources offered include digitised reading materials; bespoke videos and podcasts; links to external sites and materials; quizzes, and additional module handout material and Powerpoints.

Assessment:

- **Formative Assessment:** students will have access to formative assessment in every module studied. In the creative writing modules formative assessment is central and

students are specifically expected to provide feedback on the work of other students and discuss, in a reflective commentary, how formative feedback, received from peers and lecturers, has been incorporated into their own creative work.

- **Diversity of Assessment methods:** Assessment methods will vary according to the level of each module and its specific discipline. Normally, no form of assessment will be introduced at Level 6 which students have not already had the opportunity to undertake, with guidance, support and feedback, at Level 4 or 5.
- **Programme Level Assessment:** Students will undertake programme level assessment at Level 4. This is delivered through a two-week film production project in which they work with all the MFC students in the year group. It integrates the learning for this level and helps demonstrate the progressive Level structure of the programme.

8. Entry requirements

Honours degree programmes

Applicants should normally have achieved the following prior to registration for the programme: 5 academic qualifications, of which at least 2 should be level 3 qualifications equivalent to A2 and must also include GCSE grade C or 4 or above in English Language (or equivalent qualification). However, in some cases there may be additional special requirements, for example for ITT programmes or when the entry criteria are specified by an accrediting body. All required GCSEs will be listed by programme on the University website.

Some equivalent qualifications and the current typical offer conditions in terms of UCAS Tariff points are detailed in the undergraduate prospectus. For students whose first language is not English, a pass in an approved test in English is needed, e.g. the International English Language Testing Service (IELTS), with a minimum of 6.0 and with no component below 5.5, or accepted equivalent test. Full details of entry requirements are published by course on the Leeds Trinity website.

Applications are welcome from those with few or no formal qualifications. Any previous relevant work experience and learning will be assessed and, where appropriate, accredited as part of the application process. Please see Leeds Trinity's Principles and Guidelines for the Recognition of Prior Learning.

9. Progression, classification and award requirements

Details of requirements for student progression between levels and receipt of the award(s)

(A certain level of attainment which must be achieved in a specific module; any modules exempted from condonement, any deviation from the standard institutional stipulations for award classification, e.g. exclusion of Level 4 module marks from Foundation Degree classification)

Undergraduate Taught Course Academic Regulations apply.

The Employability/Professional Development and Placement modules ENG4992 and ENG5012/5112 are exempt from condoned failure and must be passed for progression.

10. Prerequisites

Details of modules which must be passed before enrolment on a module at a higher level

Include the rationale which justifies imposition of the prerequisite(s) and the mark/grade required.

MFC5042 *Script to Screen* (or evidence of equivalent competence) is a prerequisite for MFC6404 *Advanced Short Film Production*.

MFC5042 *Script to Screen* or MFC5202 *Documentary: Theory and Practice* is a prerequisite for MFC6044 *Advanced Documentary Production*.

11. Additional support needs

Arrangements made to accommodate students with additional support needs and any unavoidable restrictions on their participation in the programme/scheme

Students with disabilities or other support needs are welcome and are expected to be able to participate fully in this programme. Arrangements will be made, via the normal University support systems, to accommodate students with additional support needs wherever possible, with reasonable adjustments made to accommodate individual needs.