

STUDENT AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

MODULE SPECIFICATION

| Part 1: Basic Data | | | | | | |
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| Module Title | Module Title Ideation, Platforms and Commercial Writing | | | | | |
| Module Code | UPNN6G-30-2 | | Level | 2 | Version | 1 |
| UWE Credit Rating | 30 | ECTS Credit Rating | 60 | WBL modu | ıle? No | |
| Owning Faculty | ACE | | Field | Linguistics | | |
| Department | Arts and Cultural Industries Module Type Project | | | | | |
| Contributes towards | BA (Hons) Creative and Professional Writing | | | | | |
| Pre-requisites | n/a | | Co- requisites | n/a | | |
| Excluded | | | Module Entry | | | |
| Combinations | | | requirements | | | |
| First CAP Approval Date | 22/03/2016 | | Valid from | September | r 2017 | |
| Revision CAP | | | Revised with | | | |
| Approval Date | | | effect from | | | |

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Part 2: Learning and Teaching On successful completion of this module students should be able to demonstrate: Learning Outcomes An understanding of the scope of narrative non-fiction traditions and texts, and their on-going development. [Component A2] The skills to write in a range of different styles while taking an adaptable and flexible approach to the tone of their work through the use of rigorous editing techniques. [Component A2] The ability to generate ideas, express thoughts in written words and overcome psychological obstacles such as 'writer's block'. [Component A1] An understanding of a range of copywriting techniques including short and long copy, headline and strapline writing. [Component A1, A2] The development of the habit of keeping a notebook/journal that records original thoughts, ideas and concepts. [Component A1] An understanding of the different elements and functions of a typical advertising/marketing agency. [Component A2]

Syllabus Outline

This module will take the study of narrative non-fiction to a deeper level, as work continues on the chosen written assignments and students are encouraged to experiment with unfamiliar subjects, an approach that will broaden their skills and knowledge. They will also investigate the relationships between fact, memory and the written word, explore the art of reflective writing, and discuss crucial subjects such as the role of author as character, the function of story in a work of non-fiction, and the responsibility of truth. The study of a range of canonical and contemporary texts will be an important element of this module, and provide opportunities to develop the skill of close reading while acquiring a deep awareness of the different traditions and approaches to writing narrative non-fiction.

Students will also develop their copywriting skills, and in addition to focusing on new concepts and working on a written portfolio, will be encouraged to look beyond their immediate environment as they share their own ideas and sensibilities. This approach reflects the collaborative way in which professional copywriters work, and the habits developed will be ideal preparation for the third level and – ultimately – the world of work. During this module, students will also be encouraged to assess and track their work-in-progress by keeping a creative journal that contains not only their own research and creative ideas, but also reflections on examples of copywriting they have studied.

Contact Hours

A minimum of 72 hours contact time is provided for this module.

Teaching and Learning Methods

Scheduled learning Workshops and seminars are at the core of this module, with the contact model consisting of one three-hour session. This allows a flexible approach to be taken to combining workshop and seminar sessions, and to combining lecturer input with practical work. This flexible approach also enables students to develop the skills necessary to engage with different modes of learning. Students will develop a module workbook, which may contain for example completed exercises, original notes, outline and plans. The module may require students to work both independently and in small groups on a variety of tasks.

Guidance on work briefs and set reading or tasks will be available either in the module handbook, via the module information on UWE online or through any other vehicle deemed appropriate by the module/programme leaders.

Independent learning Independent study may include a variety of tasks such as written exercises, assignment preparation, and recommended further reading. It will be guided by a clear syllabus outline in the module handbook and preparation questions and/or tasks communicated via Blackboard.

Key Information Sets Information

Key Information Sets (KIS) are produced at programme level for all programmes that this module contributes to, which is a requirement set by HESA/HEFCE. KIS are comparable sets of standardised information about undergraduate courses allowing prospective students to compare and contrast between programmes they are interested in applying for.

| Key Inform | nation Set - Mo | odule data | | | |
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| Numbero | f credits for this | module | | 30 | |
| Hours to be allocated | Scheduled learning and teaching study hours | | Placement study hours | Allocated Hours | |
| 300 | 72 | 228 | 0 | 300 | |
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The table below indicates as a percentage the total assessment of the module which

constitutes a -

Written Exam: Unseen written exam, open book written exam, In-class test **Coursework**: Written assignment or essay, report, dissertation, portfolio, project **Practical Exam**: Oral Assessment and/or presentation, practical skills assessment, practical exam

Please note that this is the total of various types of assessment and will not necessarily reflect the component and module weightings in the Assessment section of this module description:

| Coursework assessment percentage | | | 100% | |
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| Practical exam assessment percentage | | | 0% | |
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Reading Strategy

Core reading

Any core reading will be indicated clearly, along with the method for accessing it, e.g. students may be expected to purchase a set text, be given a study pack, or be referred to texts that are available electronically, or in the Library. Module guides will also reflect the range of reading to be carried out.

Further reading

All students are encouraged to read widely using Library Search, a variety of bibliographic and full text databases and internet resources. Many resources can be accessed remotely. Guidance on further reading will be given in the module handbook and updated annually. Assignment reference lists are expected to reflect the range of reading carried out.

Indicative Reading List

The following list is offered to provide validation panels/accrediting bodies with an indication of the type and level of information students may be expected to consult. As such, its currency may wane during the life span of the module specification. However, as indicated above, CURRENT advice on readings will be available via via the module guide or Blackboard pages.

Indicative reading list

Angelou, M. (1984) I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings. London: Virago.

Deary, T. (2008) Horrible Histories – Blood-Curdling Box. Southam: Scholastic.

Hemingway, E. (1994) A Moveable Feast. London: Arrow.

Krakauer J. (2007) Into the Wild. London: Pan.

Macdonald, H. (2015) H Is For Hawk. London: Vintage.

Maslen, A. (2009) 100 Great Copywriting Ideas. Singapore: Marshall Cavendish.

Montaigne, M. (1993) Essays. London: Penguin.

Watt, B. (2014) Patient. London: Bloomsbury.

Woolf, V. (2002) A Room Of One's Own. London: Penguin.

| Part 3: Assessment | | | |
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| Assessment Strategy | Assessments: | | |
| | Reflective Workbook (40%) Typically this will contain completed | | |

| exercises, respo | onses, reflections | s and notes or | n studied te | xts, and o | n |
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| how the student | r's learning relate | s to their own | reative w | ork. | |

 Portfolio (60%) Students are required to submit a portfolio of work that includes the outcomes of tasks set during the module. These tasks will be designed to enable students to demonstrate, for the purposes of assessment, the acquisition of skills, knowledge, understanding and/or experience that meets the learning outcomes for the module. The word count will be determined by the nature of the tasks set, and a clear indication of word count limits will be included in the module handbook.

| Identify final assessment component and element Compone | | ent A2 | |
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| % weighting between components A and B (Star | ndard modules only) | A: | В: |
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| Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element | | Element v | |
| 1. Workbook | | 40 | % |
| 2. Portfolio | | 60 | % |
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| Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required) | | | |
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| Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element | Element weighting (as % of component) | | |
| 1. Workbook | 40% | | |
| 2. Portfolio | 60% | | |
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If a student is permitted a retake of the module under the University Regulations and Procedures, the assessment will be that indicated by the Module Description at the time that retake commences.