**Cardiff School of Education and Social Policy.**

**Key Information required:**

**MA English Literature**

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| **Programme title: MA English Literature** | |
| 1. **Content of course:** | The MA English Literature is a rewarding taught degree offering an exhilarating analysis of English Literature using texts from the 'long nineteenth century' to the present day. The MA is taught by published researchers and writers. The course aims to support you while you develop and hone your critical writing and research skills.  The content of the MA English Literature is as advertised. Full-time students will take ‘Juvenile Trash: Rethinking Genre Fiction’ and ‘Literary and Critical Arts Research Methods’ in the Autumn term and ‘Space, Environment and Modernity’ and ‘Contesting Identities: Gender and Sexuality in Literature’ in the Spring Term. The modules 'Juvenile Trash: Rethinking Genre Fiction' and 'Space, Environment and Modernity' usually include one field trip each. These trips will go ahead if it is safe to do and the field locations are open to visitors. If it is not safe to do so, or it is deemed more appropriate, we will try to convert this content to a virtual activity/session. Students work on their dissertation project over the summer and early Autumn.  In past years we have organised a programme of events and external speakers for our Postgraduate students. This will continue where possible though it will most likely be limited and online. |
| 1. **Length of course:** | This MA is one year full-time or two years part-time. |
| 1. **How the course will be delivered:** | All modules in the Autumn term will be delivered virtually (‘Juvenile Trash: Rethinking Genre Fiction’ and ‘Literary and Critical Arts Research Methods’). The format of learning, i.e. balance between lectures, seminars, workshops and self-learning remains the same. Students will be receiving the same amount of contact hours as they would under normal circumstances (i.e. 3 hours of real-time virtual learning per week for each 30 credit module). ‘Literary and Critical Arts Research Methods’ is the exception here and will be taught through a mixture of real-time virtual learning (totalling 16 hours), independent online tasks (16 hours), and virtual tutorials (4 hours).  Both modules in the Spring term (‘Space, Environment and Modernity’ and ‘Contesting Identities: Gender and Sexuality in Literature’) will be taught through blended learning. The majority of sessions will be virtual with a small number of sessions on Cyncoed campus, if it is deemed safe to do so.  Dissertation supervision, which takes place in the Summer and early Autumn of 2021, will most likely take place virtually.  Meetings with your Personal Tutor will also take place virtually.  Staff will be using Teams and other appropriate software to facilitate these sessions.    All modules will be taught in the evening, 5-8pm. The exception to this is ‘Literary and Critical Arts Research Methods’: the real-time virtual learning sessions will take place on four Saturdays in the Autumn term. |
| 1. **Cost of course:** | Full time fees are £9000 per academic year. Part Time fees are based on the number of credits that students enrol onto per year with fees at £1000 per 20 Credits. |
| 1. **How the course will be assessed:** | We have a variety of approaches to assessment across the programme depending upon the module. ‘Literary and Critical Arts Research Methods’ is assessed through a Poster project and e-portfolio, while ‘Juvenile Trash: Rethinking Genre Fiction’ and ‘Space, Environment and Modernity’ are assessed through essays. ‘Contesting Identities: Sexuality and Gender in Literature’ is assessed through a digital project and accompanying essay.  You will receive tutor support in class and through our VLE in order to prepare you for each assessment point. |
| 1. **Award:** | MA English Literature |
| 1. **Possible locations:** | Assuming that social distancing is required throughout the year, the on-campus sessions will take place on the Cyncoed campus. |
| 1. **Complaints:** | Cardiff Metropolitan University is committed to providing high quality services and facilities for students, staff and the general public. Integral to this is monitoring and evaluating those services to enhance quality and to ensure specified standards are met.  We have in place a variety of mechanisms to ensure that students, staff and public have the opportunity to participate fully in the development and improvement of services and it is expected that all parties will take full advantage of these in making their views known.  We recognise that there may be occasions when feedback mechanisms are not sufficient to deal with problems. It is for this reason that a Complaints Procedure has been established. The Complaints Procedure should be used when informal attempts to resolve the matter within the School or Unit have not resolved the issue.  Procedural advice is available from the Complaints Officer who can be contacted on email at [complaints@cardiffmet.ac.uk](mailto:complaints@cardiffmet.ac.uk), and independent support and advice on submitting a complaint is also available to students from Cardiff Met Students Union.  <http://www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/registry/Pages/Complaints.aspx> |