Overview: Literary Heritage, Literary Museums, Literary Tourism Module B.Eng.816/M.EP.12e

in the Anglophone Literature and Culture Division

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module structure:

- course or self-study unit on aspects of cultural history or cultural theory with a specific focus on Edinburgh and its literature and culture industries
- practical part of the module: a visit to three literary museums in or around Edinburgh; attendance at a guided tour on literary aspects; attendance at three events at the Edinburgh International Book Festival, one of which may be exchanged for an event at another festival on consultation with the instructor; students have to hand in a learning journal/portfolio for which credits are awarded (6 credits for the module)

prerequisites:

formal prerequisites: none;

informal prerequisites: an interest in learning how the Scottish or Edinburgh literature and culture industries works from within; readiness to engage with non-academic ideas about literature; willingness to critically reflect on theories and their relations to day-to-day work aspects

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register for:

The module has two parts:

- a course or self-study unit, which you have to register for in FlexNow (B.Eng.816.Tn/M.EP.12e.Tn),
- and the observation report, for which you also have to register in FlexNow (B.Eng.816.Mp/M.EP.12e.Mp). The two do not necessarily have the same instructors.

registration deadlines:

- for the course: usually at the end of the course
- for the self-study unit: end of the semester
- for the portfolio report: usually at the end of the semester

register with:

- for the course: your course instructor
- for the self-study unit: Dr. Reitemeier
- for the observation report: if you have taken a course, your course instructor or Dr. Reitemeier; if you have completed the self-study unit. Dr. Reitemeier

type of exam / number of words:

- course: to be announced by the instructor; this part has no exam per se but regular attendance and a sketch of the observation project is required
- self-study unit: portfolio entries and a brief sketch of the observation project (in total around 1,200 words)
- report: 3000 words, ungraded

content of exam parts:

- course: ask your course instructor about what they require you to do for the course; regular attendance and a project sketch of the expectations from the observation part
- self-study unit:
 - understanding concepts and practices on either cultural heritage or literary museums or literary tourism;
 - observation practices. The final part is a project outline for the readings and talks.
- observation report:
 - o brief outline of exhibitions or tours:
 - o outline of observation results and conclusions;

reflection on how your hands-on experience compares to what you learnt in the course/self-study unit or course.

style sheet: As for every academic paper handed in for a course in the

Anglophone Literature and Culture division, students are expected to

use the division style sheet.

assessment: The exam is ungraded. Students are expected to show

- a concise outline of their project and the observation results;

- a good understanding of the theoretical text/s used;

- a critical engagement with the ideas from the course/self-study unit;

- a corresponding insight into how the literary industry deals with

authors, texts, readers, and literature generally;

- thoughts on the connections found (or not found) between the theoretical ideas and the day-to-day practice encountered during the

readings/talks/productions.

Grammatical correctness and a good academic style are expected.

grading scheme: The module is ungraded.

options for appeal: Within a month of the publication of the result, students can lodge an

appeal against the grade if they consider the result inadequate (§ 20

par. 1 Allgemeine Prüfungsordnung für Bachelor- und

Masterstudiengänge). The Faculty's Exams Committee will then

request a clarification of the grade and, if necessary, submit the report

to another supervisor for re-assessment.