



**A pocket guide** to your MA in:

# Literature and Culture



## MA Literature and Culture

MA in Literature and Culture offers you the opportunity to explore culturally challenged themes across a diverse range of texts.

We will be focusing on U.S. Culture #BlackLivesMatter networks of modernism; spatiality and ecocriticism and the representation and significance of the figure of the vampire.

- One year full-time or two years part-time
- All assessment is by coursework
- Outstanding online support via StudyNet, our virtual learning environment
- Convenient location for access to major research libraries and activities in Central London (roughly 25 minutes by train).

## Structure of the Programme

Our MA programme comprises two six-week modules, three twelve-week modules, and a dissertation. We are currently offering the following modules:

- U.S. Culture: Black Lives Matter
- Reading the Vampire: Science, Sexuality and Alterity in Modern Culture
- Earth Words: Literature and Environment
- Networks of Modernism

You will also have the opportunity to research and write a 13,000-word dissertation on a topic of your choice, during which time you will be supported by a programme of close one-to-one supervision with an appropriate member of staff. For further details, please visit

[go.herts.ac.uk/maliterature](http://go.herts.ac.uk/maliterature)

*“The MA modules are centred on the lecturers’ own research interests, and the lecturers are therefore engaged and interested in each part of the subject, and updated on what’s new in the field. The lecturers are approachable and supportive, and give detailed and constructive feedback.”*

Amelia Eikli  
**MA student**





Open Graves,  
Vampires  
and the  
Undead  
in Modern  
Culture

16-17 April 2010

conference  
schedule

## Teaching

Innovative critical approaches inform teaching on the MA programme, which reflects contemporary reassessments of the role of literary culture in modern society. You can expect to investigate topics such as the social contexts of literature, the nature of literary value, the literary articulation of sexual and gender identity, and popular culture. A major aspect of the MA is a final dissertation project, which allows you to develop a particular research interest arising out of the MA programme. Previous dissertations have investigated topics ranging from Gothic masculinities to spatiality in YA literature and existentialism in the theatre of the absurd.

*“I have been given an excellent education. Many new areas of knowledge have been opened up to me and my range of interests has multiplied. It may have been a small decision for you to have taken me onto the course, but the experience has been life changing for me.”*

John Molson

**Modern Literary Cultures MA student**

## Research

The Literature group has a lively research culture and postgraduates are invited to join staff at a number of pertinent events featuring published authors and academics and to participate in their innovative programme of research seminars.

In the UK national Research Assessment Exercise (2008), conducted by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, 90% of the books and articles written by Literature teaching staff were judged to be world-leading or internationally recognised.

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## Staff

Based in the School of Humanities, the MA calls on the expertise of staff who are distinguished in their field and publishing cutting-edge research.

## Start dates and modes of study

This programme starts in September. Attendance is one day per week.



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## Entry requirements

We require at least an upper second class honours (or equivalent) degree with a significant element (at least 50%) of Literature. Graduates with an Honours Degree in any discipline who have otherwise demonstrated potential to succeed at postgraduate level in Literature will also be considered.

## Application and fees information

Please see [www.herts.ac.uk](http://www.herts.ac.uk) for information about fees and scholarships. Discounts on fees are available for University of Hertfordshire students who meet the required conditions.

See [www.herts.ac.uk/international](http://www.herts.ac.uk/international) for information about international tuition fees and scholarships.

For application information please visit  
[go.herts.ac.uk/ma-hum](http://go.herts.ac.uk/ma-hum)

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