

Study with us

About your course

Courses covered

Code	Title
HUWLCM	MA Literature and Culture (Online)

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

Key facts

Start date:

Semester A intake: 21 September 2020

How long it takes

Master level: 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

Credits:

PGCert level: 60 credits

PGDip level: 120 credits

Master level: 180 credits

Academic Year

Academic Year 2020 – 2021

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C).

- Semester A runs from Monday 21 September 2020 to Friday 15 January 2021
- Semester B runs from Monday 18 January 2021 to Friday 21 May 2021
- Semester C runs from Monday 24 May 2021 to Friday 17 September 2021

Important points

- Online learning offers you the benefits of flexible opportunities to hone your critical and analytical skills with plenty of support from our research-active academic staff.
- Your engagement will focus on themes at the forefront of contemporary culture, including identity politics, Otherness, and the environment.
- Subject-specific modules may also be studied on a 'standalone' basis and their successful completion can be later accredited towards the full MA degree. In 2020-21, modules offered on this basis include "Reading the Vampire: Science, Sexuality and Alterity in Modern Culture", "US Culture and #BlackLivesMatter", and "The Networks of Modernism".

IT Skills required:

Basic IT skills are a requirement for anyone wishing to study online. For example, you will need to be confident using an internet browser, communicating via email and using Microsoft Office tools (e.g. Word, Excel) or equivalent. An ability to learn and adapt to new technologies is also important, for example, you will be asked to participate in a virtual classroom session, contribute to a discussion forum and upload assignments to an online portal.

Outline Programme Structure

1 year full-time

	Semester A (September to January)	Semester B (January to May)	Semester C (May to September)
Year 1	Research Methods 1: Theoretical and Critical Debates (15 credits) The Networks of Modernism (30 credits) US Culture and #BlackLivesMatter (30 credits)	Reading the Vampire: Science, Sexuality and Alterity in Modern Culture (30 credits) Research Methods 2: Advanced Research Skills (15 credits)	Dissertation (60 credits)

2 year part-time

	Semester A (September to January)	Semester B (January to May)	Semester C (May to September)
Year 1	Research Methods 1: Theoretical and Critical Debates (15 credits) AND US Culture and #BlackLivesMatter (30 credits) OR The Networks of Modernism (30 credits)	Reading the Vampire: Science, Sexuality and Alterity in Modern Culture (30 credits)	STUDY BREAK
Year 2	Earth Words: Literature Place and Environment (30 credits)	Research Methods 2: Advanced Research Skills (15 credits)	Dissertation (60 credits)

Course delivery

This course is delivered 100% online via the University's virtual learning environment StudyNet. It can be studied flexibly, which allows you to fit your studies around your work and life commitments. However, there will be specific deadlines to submit or take assessments.

You will find full details on your assessment schedule in the relevant Module Guide which will be published at the start of the module.

Number of study hours will vary depending on your prior knowledge and experience with the subject. The expectation for a 15-credit module is 150 hours (equivalent to around 12 hours per week over 12 weeks).

Additional expenses

You can find full details of your course tuition fees in the **Fees and Finance Policy**.

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Additional reading materials, books or eBooks	1 & 2	Mandatory	Estimated cost £100 in total

System requirements:

To study Online, you will need access to a suitable computer and a good reliable Internet connection. Most modern PCs and Macs (less than five years old) should be fine. As a guide, you need a minimum of:

Description	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost (UK prices 2020)
Desktop or laptop computer	Mandatory	Starts at £250
Display (screen resolution 1024x768 minimum)	Mandatory	Starts at £50
Headset with microphone (built in if using laptop)	Mandatory	Starts at £15
Webcam (built in if using laptop)	Mandatory	£10-£50
Broadband Internet Connection (2mbps minimum)	Mandatory	Starts at £10/month
Microsoft Office 365 account for the duration of your studies The package will give you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full, installed Office applications Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, and OneNote on up to 5 PCs or Macs.• Office on tablets and phones for the Office experience on up to 5 tablets and 5 phones.• Online versions of Office including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.• File storage and sharing with 1 TB storage.	Mandatory	Provided by the University at no cost to students / FREE

Full system requirements details can be found on the UH Online website <https://www.herts.ac.uk/study/online-distance-learning/how-online-study-works/system-requirements-for-study>

Attendance to the UK Award Ceremony:

On completion of your programme of studies, you will have the opportunity to attend our UK Award Ceremony. When registering for the Ceremony you will receive 1 free graduate ticket for yourself.

Attendance to the UK Award Ceremony may incur additional costs i.e. guest tickets, travel and accommodation. The exact value of these costs will depend on when you will graduate and where you are travelling from. Details regarding attendance to the Award Ceremony can be found on the website <http://www.herts.ac.uk/ceremonies>.