



Faculty of Arts

HEA333

Ideas of Authorship

Distance Education

Unit Outline

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Online unit URL

Log-in to MyLO at <http://www.utas.edu.au/coursesonline/> and then select [HEA333 Ideas of Authorship](#) in the Course List.

You can contact your unit coordinator/lecturer and other students using the Discussions and Mails tools in this online unit.

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Unit Summary

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| Unit Code | HEA333 |
| Unit Title | Ideas of Authorship |
| Unit Description | Examines how contemporary authors conceive of literature's relations to life and literary theory. Aims to provide students with a critical understanding of selected classical theory (inspiration and imitation) and twentieth-century theory (primarily structuralism, post-structuralism and postmodernism) and how these inform the literary texts. |
| Special Notes | Honours prerequisite |
| Teaching Staff | Dr Narelle Shaw |
| Campus and mode | L, W—Internal H, L, W, I, N—External |
| Unit Weight | 12.5% |
| Teaching Pattern | 5 contact hours fortnightly; Distance Education |
| Pre and Corequisites | 25% at Level 100 in English |
| Mutual Exclusions | HEA233 |
| Assessment | 3500 words of internal written assessment (60%) and 2 hour exam (40%) |
| Required texts | Roland Barthes, "The Death of the Author" (e-reserve) Robert Dassaix, <i>Night Letters</i> (Picador, 1996). John Fowles, <i>The French Lieutenant's Woman</i> (Penguin). David Lodge, <i>Author, Author</i> (Penguin). David Malouf, <i>Child's Play [with Eustace and The Prowler]</i> (Penguin, 1983). |
| Recommended reading | Unit Reader (online) |
| Courses | R3A |

Learning outcomes

On completion of this unit, you should be able to:

1. Compare classical and postmodern ideas of authorship
2. Demonstrate an understanding of relevant terminology
3. Discuss representations of the relationship between language and reality, art and life, in the work of selected authors

These learning outcomes guide the assessment for this unit.

Graduate attributes

In your work for this unit you will develop knowledge and skills — or 'attributes' — applicable in a range of different contexts. These attributes will, by the successful completion of your course at UTAS, become your graduate attributes.

In this unit, you should make progress in developing:

Knowledge: Students will develop knowledge of English as specified (See learning outcomes 1, 2, 3).

Communication skills: Students will communicate across a range of contexts (See learning outcomes 1, 2, 3).

Problem-solving skills: Students will develop generic skills and competencies in information literacy and identify critical issues in the discipline (See learning outcomes 1, 2, 3).

Global perspective: Students will demonstrate awareness of the international influence of literary texts and theory (See learning outcomes 1, 2, 3).

Prior knowledge &/or skills

Completion of 25% of English at 100 level is required.

Learning resources required

Required texts

Roland Barthes, "The Death of the Author" (e-reserve)

Robert Dessaix, *Night Letters* (Picador).

John Fowles, *The French Lieutenant's Woman* (Penguin).

David Lodge, *Author, Author* (Penguin).

David Malouf, *Child's Play [with Eustace and The Prowler]* (Penguin).

Study Material

Study material comprises a combination of printed notes, audio lectures and power-point slides. Audio lectures and power-point slides will be accessible through the unit's MyLO site. Students must be able to use MyLO.

Other publications and resources

Joseph Gibaldi, *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 6th ed. (New York: the Modern Language Association of America, 2003).

MLA Citation System – A Brief Guide - <http://www.utas.edu.au/english/english1/referencing.htm>

Learning resources recommended

All recommended critical readings are available on e-reserve and may be directly accessed via the library catalogue.

Flexible library services

The Library offers a range of services if you are unable to visit the Library in person and if you meet certain criteria. See <http://www.utas.edu.au/library/libserv/rls/rls.html>.

Technical requirements

Access to the online unit in MyLO is required. For information about online study, see <http://www.utas.edu.au/coursesonline/>.

Accessing MyLO off campus

For information and help with setting up a computer and web browser to access online resources in MyLO when off campus, see <http://uconnect.utas.edu.au/mylo.htm>

Need new software?

If you require software to access certain file types provided in your MyLO unit, see <http://uconnect.utas.edu.au/software.htm>.

About downloading and installing

The files you can access at download sites such as the UConnect download site (above) are software installers. These files need to be copied onto a computer and then run to install the software.

To obtain a copy of the installation software, you can:

1. Copy the file directly to a computer using a network Internet connection. If you are copying files to a home computer, you will need to use an Internet Service Provider (ISP) for this; or
2. Copy the files to a computer on campus that has a CD burner and burn the files to CD. The files can then be taken home and copied to the home computer from the CD. If you would like assistance with this, contact the UTAS Service Desk at <http://www.utas.edu.au/servicedesk/student/index.html>.

Accessing MyLO on campus

MyLO can be accessed on the Library computers and in computer labs. See <http://www.utas.edu.au/elearning/labs.html>.

You can also access the University network and MyLO via a laptop computer. See <http://uconnect.utas.edu.au/uana.htm>.

Accessing files in your MyLO unit

A variety of file types may be provided in your online unit. For information to help you with accessing different file types such as MP3 audio files, see http://www.utas.edu.au/arts/flexarts/module_intro.html.

Getting help

For technical information and help, contact the UTAS Service Desk at <http://www.utas.edu.au/servicedesk/student/index.html>

Details of teaching arrangements

Discussions

In this unit, you are able to communicate with other students and your lecturer via MyLO Discussions. These discussions will provide a forum for you to ask questions, present your views and receive timely feedback. You will be able to contribute to Discussions topics weekly at times that are convenient for you. Specific questions for discussion are contained in the study chapters. You may also wish to discuss aspects of your reading and note taking.

How to use MyLO Discussions

For comprehensive information on accessing and using the MyLO Discussions tool, browse the help resources at:

<http://www.utas.edu.au/coursesonline/mylo-support.htm>

Useful files on Discussions at Vista@UTAS Support include:

[Using the discussion tool \[Word, 66 kb \] Step-by-step guide](#)
(http://www.otl.utas.edu.au/content/using_discus_stepguide.doc)

[Using the discussion tool \[Word, 43 kb \] Quick guide](#)
(http://www.otl.utas.edu.au/content/using_discus_quick.doc)

[Using the discussion tool \[Flash movie, -\] Demonstration](#)
(http://www.otl.utas.edu.au/content/using_discuss_multi.htm)

If you find that you require further assistance in accessing the Discussions, contact **Help and Support** at Learning Online. <http://www.utas.edu.au/coursesonline/>

Attaching files to messages

If required, you may attach a Word file (or other file type) with information supporting your message.

Naming files

File names must not contain spaces or symbols. It is safest to use only numbers and letters of the alphabet. Files must have an extension (e.g. .htm .doc .pdf)

For information on using attachments, browse the help resources at:

<http://www.utas.edu.au/coursesonline/mylo-support.htm>

A useful file on attachments is:

[Using attachments in mail and discussions \[Word, 455 kb \] Step-by-step guide](#)
(http://tlo.calt.utas.edu.au/secure/content/attach_email_disc_step.doc)

Getting started with Discussions

When you access your MyLO unit HEA333 Ideas of Authorship, select the Welcome link on the Home Page. Read the message/s that have been posted and post your own reply. You can then begin to work on the study material and post messages on the discussion topics.

General suggestions on participating

The following suggestions will help you get the most out of your Discussions.

- Stay current and timely with your work. Visit Discussion topics regularly and read all new messages. Respond constructively and with substance to messages that have meaning for you.

- **Take risks!** Your participation is the most important aspect of online Discussions. Your responses are not all expected to be 'brilliant'; sometimes you may not understand something under study. Use the Discussions to help you clarify your own understanding.
(Many times other students may have the same questions you have — discussing it will help with everyone's understanding!)
- Try to keep your messages reasonably short (between 100–200 words).
- Be considerate when you comment on someone else's work or posting. The written word is unable to carry the nuances of the spoken word, so be gentle. (For instance, do not use all capitals, as this is considered to be 'shouting' online.)

Messages can be drafted outside of MyLO (using a word processor such as Microsoft Word) and copied and pasted into a message. (This enables you to spell-check your messages, and may save you Internet access costs.)

Weekend study schools

Online discussion boards replace weekend study schools in this unit.

Unit schedule

| Week | Date beginning | Topic | Activities and Assignments |
|---|----------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1 | 13 July | Introduction: Ideas of Authorship | |
| 2 | 20 July | <i>Author, Author</i> and the “Theory Wars” | |
| 3 | 27 July | (Cont.) | |
| 4 | 3 Aug. | (Cont.) | |
| 5 | 10 Aug. | “The Death of the Author” | |
| 6 | 17 Aug. | (Cont.) | |
| 7 | 24 Aug. | <i>The French Lieutenant's Woman</i> and French Theory | |
| MID-SEMESTER BREAK 31 AUG-4 SEPT | | | |
| 8 | 7 Sept. | (Cont.) | |
| 9 | 14 Sept. | <i>Child's Play</i> and the Death of the Author | |
| 10 | 21 Sept. | (Cont.) | |
| 11 | 28 Sept. | <i>Night Letters</i> : Inspiration and Linguistic Anxieties | |
| 12 | 5 Oct. | (Cont.) | |
| 13 | 12 Oct. | <i>Author, Author</i> and the “Theory Wars”—Conclusion | |
| STUDY PERIOD 19-23 OCTOBER | | | |
| 24 October: deadline for accepting all extended work in the unit | | | |
| EXAMINATION PERIOD 24 OCTOBER-10 NOVEMBER | | | |

Specific performance requirements

This unit has a weight of 12.5%. As a general guide, you will need to spend an average of 12 hours per week on this unit to meet its work requirements. This work includes reading, discussions and assignment work.

Participation in the online Discussions is recommended but voluntary.

Learning expectations and strategies

Expectations

The University is committed to high standards of professional conduct in all activities, and holds its commitment and responsibilities to its students as being of paramount importance. Likewise, it holds expectations about the responsibilities students have as they pursue their studies within the special environment the University offers.

The University's Code of Conduct for Teaching and Learning states:

Students are expected to participate actively and positively in the teaching/learning environment. They must attend classes when and as required, strive to maintain steady progress within the subject or unit framework, comply with workload expectations, and submit required work on time.

Learning strategies

If you need assistance in preparing for study please refer to your lecturer. For additional information, see: <http://www.utas.edu.au/tl/students/>

Assessment

Assessment schedule

| Assessment Tasks | Date Due | Percent weighting |
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| tba | tba | 60% |
| Final exam (2 hours) | Scheduled to take place in formal exam period | 40% |

Assessment details

| Internal Assessment | |
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| Description | Details of internal assessment will be made available in the first week of semester. |
| Total length | 3,500 words |
| Links to learning outcomes | 1, 2, 3 |
| Assessment criteria applying to the Essay option | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effectiveness of introduction 2. Relevance and coherence of argument 3. Effectiveness of conclusion 4. Scope of textual referencing 5. Use of critics 6. Attention to expression, spelling, proof-reading, MLA Style |
| Due Date | tba |

| Final exam | |
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| Description / conditions | 2 hour closed-book examination |
| Links to learning outcomes | 1, 2, 3 |
| Assessment criteria / guidelines | <p>Same guidelines as for essay, except in the case of 4 (use of critics)</p> <p>Information on the exam will be made available in the latter half of the semester.</p> |
| Date | <p>The final exam is conducted by the University Registrar in the formal examination period. See:</p> <p>http://www.studentcentre.utas.edu.au/examinations_and_results/</p> |

How your final result is determined

To pass this unit you will need to achieve a pass or more (i.e. 50% of the allocated marks) on the in-semester work.

Grades will be awarded based on University guidelines; namely:

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| Failure | 0-49% |
| Pass | 50-59% |
| Credit | 60-69% |
| Distinction | 70-79% |
| High distinction | 80% and above |

Submission of assignments

All work submitted for assessment must conform to the requirements of the School of English, Journalism and European Languages. Essays must be submitted on time to avoid penalty. They must be correctly formatted, and referencing must be in accordance with MLA Citation System: A Brief Guide.

Please note that computers are available in the Library and the Faculty of Arts building for typing of essays.

Assignments can be submitted:

- **as a printout** via the Faculty of Arts Distance Education office; or
- **as an electronic file** via the Faculty of Arts Distance Education office.

Submitting assignments as a printout

For information on submitting assignments as printouts, see the green Assignments page in your study package.

Please also ensure that when preparing your essay, you:

- a) leave a margin of at least 3 cm on the left-hand side of the paper for the marker's comments; and
- b) put your name at the top of each page.

A completed 'Assignment Cover Sheet' must be attached to the front of all assignments.

Coversheets and full information are available from the Distance Education Office.

http://www.utas.edu.au/arts/distance_education/assign.html.

(This link also appears in General Information / Assessment in your MyLO course.)

Submitting assignments as an electronic file

By regular email to the Distance Education Office

Assignments for this unit can be submitted by regular email to the Distance Education Office. Please follow the instructions for doing this at:

http://www.utas.edu.au/arts/distance_education/assign.html

A completed 'Assignment Cover Sheet for Electronic Submission' file **must** be included as an attachment when submitting assignment files.

Penalties

Should you experience difficulty in completing your assignment by the due date, please contact the unit coordinator, prior to the submission date. A late essay without an extension may incur a penalty: 5% of the available marks for the first (working) day overdue plus 2% for each (working) day thereafter. A medical certificate or other supporting documentation is required where extensions are requested due to illness or bereavement.

Academic referencing

In your written work you will need to support your ideas by referring to scholarly literature, works of art and/or inventions. It is important that you understand how to correctly refer to the work of others and maintain academic integrity.

Failure to appropriately acknowledge the ideas of others constitutes academic dishonesty (plagiarism), a matter considered by the University of Tasmania as a serious offence.

The appropriate referencing method for this unit is the MLA system, which is characterized by in-text referencing and a list of works cited. See the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 6th ed. Ed. Joseph Gibaldi (New York: The Modern Language Association of America, 2003).

MLA Style is demonstrated in the online Study Booklet. You can download a detailed explanation of MLA referencing at <http://www.utas.edu.au/english/english1/referencing.htm>

For further information on presentation of assignments, including referencing methods, see: <http://www.utas.edu.au/library/assist/gpoa/gpoa.html>

Please read the following statement on plagiarism. Should you require clarification please see your unit coordinator or lecturer.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a form of cheating. It is taking and using someone else's thoughts, writings or inventions and representing them as your own; for example, using an author's words without putting them in quotation marks and citing the source, using an author's ideas without proper acknowledgment and citation, copying another student's work.

If you have any doubts about how to refer to the work of others in your assignments, please consult your lecturer or tutor for relevant referencing guidelines, and the academic integrity resources on the web at <http://www.utas.edu.au/tl/supporting/academicintegrity/index.html>. The intentional copying of someone else's work as one's own is a serious offence punishable by penalties that may range from a fine or deduction/cancellation of marks and, in the most serious of cases, to exclusion from a unit, a course or the University. Details of penalties that can be imposed are available in the Ordinance of Student Discipline – Part 3 Academic Misconduct, see <http://www.utas.edu.au/universitycouncil/legislation/>.

The University and any persons authorised by the University may submit your assessable works to a plagiarism checking service, to obtain a report on possible instances of plagiarism. Assessable works may also be included in a reference database. It is a condition of this arrangement that the original author's permission is required before a work within the database can be viewed.

For further information on this statement and general referencing guidelines, see <http://www.utas.edu.au/plagiarism/>.

Or follow the link under 'Policy, Procedures and Feedback' on the **Current Students** homepage.

Occupational health and safety (OH&S)

The University is committed to providing a safe and secure teaching and learning environment. In addition to specific requirements of this unit you should refer to the University's policy at: http://www.admin.utas.edu.au/hr/ohs/pol_proc/ohs.pdf

Further information and assistance

If you are experiencing difficulties with your studies or assignments, have personal or life planning issues, disability or illness that may affect your course of study, you are advised to raise these with your lecturer in the first instance.

Student Advisor (Transition Support Services) is available to provide support and assistance for students as they manage life at university. If you encounter any problems that

may affect your studies, have questions about university procedures or want to find out more about the support services that UTAS offers, please contact the Student Advisor.

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Newnham (L105) Faculty of Arts – Monday
afternoon, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

A range of University-wide support services are available to you including Teaching and Learning, Student Services, and International Services. Please refer to the **Current Students** homepage at:

<http://www.utas.edu.au/students/>

Should you require assistance in accessing the Library visit their website for more information at:

<http://www.utas.edu.au/library/>

<http://www.utas.edu.au/library/libserv/rls/rls.html>