

LT111 INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE 2011-2012

ASSESSMENT

LT111 is assessed through coursework, examination, group oral presentation, and participation. The weighting is as follows:

50% exam (3 hours)

50% coursework, which is made up of 20% group oral presentation; 12.5% essay one; 12.5% essay two; 5% participation.

ESSAYS:

Written assignments take the form of two essays, each between 2,500 and 3,000 words. Failure to submit an essay by the prescribed deadline will result in the student receiving 0%. Please take note of the essay deadlines, and leave yourself plenty of time for conducting research, planning your essay, drafting it, redrafting it, and proof-reading your copy for errors. You might be surprised how long it takes, early in your academic career, to format footnotes and a bibliography in accordance with the Department stylesheet. This will become second nature to you shortly, but in the first year, give yourself extra time for formatting: you will be penalised if your work is not presented in accordance with academic standards. You may wish to show your seminar tutor your essay plan before you start writing up your essay. However, tutors cannot read full drafts of essays.

Essay deadlines:

4pm, Monday 12 Dec. (online submission). Tuesday 13 Dec. (hard copy).

4pm, Monday 19 Mar. (online submission). Tuesday 20 Mar. (hard copy).

Please see the first-year handbook for details of online submission procedures.

EXAMINATION

The 3-hour examination at the end of the year comprises a first part where students must provide a close reading of a short passage of text. There is then a choice of around ten essay questions, from which students must choose two. Copies of past examination papers are available via the Department website, and there will be two revision lectures in the summer term to help you with your exam preparations.

GROUP ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Group oral presentations are like essays, except that you will work with a team, and you will deliver the results of your research orally rather than in written form. In your first term, you will be divided into groups, and you will be issued with a series of questions, like essay questions. The group will choose a question, and will work to research it; but you should also give thought to how you will present your findings. You will give a twenty-minute presentation in April, and it can take any form you like, as long as each group member plays an active part in the presentation. You could decide to support your presentation with images, or other relevant texts. However, although we strongly encourage a creative approach to the presentation, it is important that your work observes academic standards: you will be marked on the depth and integrity of your research as well as your flair for

presentation. Your tutors will be available to advise you throughout the year on how you might interpret these regulations. Please see the separate document on Group Oral Presentations, which will be available from the end of October on Moodle and CMR.