

## **ENGLISH 780/780AB DISSERTATION**

ENGLISH 781 is the recommended means by which students fulfil the compulsory 30 pt research requirement of the BA(hons). ENGLISH 780 (30 pts) or ENGLISH 780 AB (15 pts and 15pts) are reserved at Honours level for students who need to withdraw from ENGLISH 781 on medical or compassionate grounds. In exceptional cases, at the discretion of the Head of the Disciplinary Area, direct entry into ENGLISH 780/780AB may be permitted on academic grounds.

Note:

- We have very limited capacity to offer supervision in the BA(hons) program outside of ENGLISH 781.
- 240 pt MA students are not required to take ENGLISH 781 but must include a research component of at least 45 pts in the second year of their program.

### **ACADEMIC GROUNDS FOR DIRECT ENTRY INTO ENGLISH 780 / 780AB**

Full time students will need to meet the criteria specified in pages 1-3 of this document. Part time students will need to meet the criteria specified in pages 3-4.

#### **ENGLISH 780 (30 pts)**

##### **For full time students commencing their BA(hons) in semester 1**

ENGLISH 780 Dissertation is not available in the first semester of enrolment.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) in undertaking ENGLISH 780 in the second semester of enrolment must be submitted no later than Week 9 of the first semester of BA(hons) enrolment.

The EOI must consist of an application for ENGLISH 780 via the PG course enrolment form, and of a detailed one page research proposal supported by an indicative bibliography. The proposal must pertain to a well conceived project with clearly defined research questions and a well thought-out methodology. It must contain evidence of advanced reading in the proposed area. Proposals must be submitted via email to the graduate advisor and prospective supervisor.

EOIs will be considered only if:

- a student is on track to secure a GPA of at least 6 (B+ average) in the first semester of their BA(hons)
- the student has consulted with the graduate advisor about 780 AND secured the conditional agreement of a supervisor in advance of preparing the EOI
- the Head of the Disciplinary Area has conditionally approved the supervision

In order for the enrolment in 780 to be approved:

- the supervisor must be satisfied with the quality of research proposal and the skill set it displays
- the student must return a GPA of at least 6 in the first semester of the BA(hons) enrolment.

For queries about your GPA, please contact the graduate advisor.

## **ENGLISH 780 (30 pts)**

### **For full time students commencing the BA(hons) in the second semester**

ENGLISH 780 Dissertation is not available in the first semester of enrolment. Expressions of Interest (EOI) in undertaking ENGLISH 780 in the second semester of enrolment (i.e. the following year) must be submitted no later than 1 July preceding the commencement of the program.

The EOI must consist of an application for ENGLISH 780 via the PG course enrolment form, and of a detailed one page research proposal supported by an indicative bibliography. The proposal must pertain to a well conceived project with clearly defined research questions and a well thought-out methodology. It must contain evidence of advanced reading in the proposed area. Proposals must be submitted via email to the graduate advisor and prospective supervisor.

EOIs will be considered only if:

- a student has secured or is on track to secure a GPA above 6 (the equivalent of a mix of B+ and higher) across all stage 3 papers in English
- the student has consulted with the graduate advisor about 780 AND has secured the conditional agreement of a supervisor in advance of preparing the EOI
- the Head of the Disciplinary Area has conditionally approved the supervision

In order for the enrolment in 780 to be approved:

- the supervisor must be satisfied with the quality of research proposal and the skill set it displays
- the student must return a GPA above 6 across all stage 3 English papers

For queries about your GPA, please contact the graduate advisor.

## **ENGLISH 780AB (full year, 15pts + 15 pts)**

### **For full time students**

Expressions of Interest for ENGLISH 780AB must be submitted by 1 February (for a semester 1 start date) or by 1 July (for a semester 2 start date). The EOI must consist of an application for ENGLISH 780 via the PG course enrolment form, and of a detailed one page research proposal supported by an indicative bibliography. The proposal must pertain to a well conceived project with clearly defined research questions and a well thought-out methodology. It must contain evidence of advanced reading in the proposed area. Proposals must be submitted via email to the graduate advisor and prospective supervisor. EOIs will be considered only if:

- the student has secured or is on track to secure a GPA above 6 (the equivalent of a mix of B+ and higher) across all stage 3 papers in English
- the student has consulted with the graduate advisor about 780AB AND has secured the conditional agreement of a supervisor in advance of preparing the EOI
- the Head of the Disciplinary Area has conditionally approved the supervision

In order for the enrolment in 780AB to be approved:

- the supervisor must be satisfied with the quality of research proposal and the skill set it displays
- the student must return a GPA above 6 across all stage 3 English papers

For queries about your GPA, please contact the graduate advisor.

### **ENGLISH 780 (30 pts)**

#### **For Part Time Students**

ENGLISH 780 is not available in the first two semesters of Part Time enrolment.

Expressions of Interest for ENGLISH 780 must be submitted by:

- 1 February, for 780 in semester 1 (where that semester is not the final semester of enrolment)
- Week 9 of semester 1, for 780 in semester 2 of the same year
- 1 July, for 780 in semester 1 of following year, where that semester is the final semester of enrolment

The EOI must consist of an application for ENGLISH 780 via the PG course enrolment form, and of a detailed one page research proposal supported by an indicative bibliography. The proposal must pertain to a well conceived project with clearly defined research questions and a well thought-out methodology. It must contain evidence of advanced reading in the proposed area. Proposals must be submitted via email to the graduate advisor and prospective supervisor.

EOIs will be considered only if:

- the student has established or is on track to establish a GPA of at least 6 (B+ average) across 60 pts of English in the BA(hons) program
- the student has consulted with the graduate advisor about 780 AND has secured the conditional agreement of a supervisor in advance of preparing the EOI
- the Head of the Disciplinary Area has conditionally approved the supervision

In order for the enrolment in 780 to be approved:

- the supervisor must be satisfied with the quality of research proposal and the skill set it displays
- the student must return a GPA of at least 6 across 60 pts of English in the BA(hons) program

For queries about your GPA, please contact the graduate advisor.

### **ENGLISH 780AB (full year, 15pts + 15 pts)**

#### **For Part Time students**

Expressions of Interest for ENGLISH 780AB must be submitted by 1 February (for a semester 1 start date) or by 1 July (for a semester 2 start date). The EOI must consist of an application for ENGLISH 780 via the PG course enrolment form, and of a

detailed one page research proposal supported by an indicative bibliography. The proposal must pertain to a well conceived project with clearly defined research questions and a well thought-out methodology. It must contain evidence of advanced reading in the proposed area. Proposals must be submitted via email to the graduate advisor and prospective supervisor.

EOIs will be only be considered:

- for the commencement of ENGLISH 780AB in the first semester of enrolment: if the student is on track to secure a GPA of at least 6 (the equivalent of a mix of B+ and higher) across all stage 3 papers in English
- for the commencement of ENGLISH 780AB in a second or subsequent semester of enrolment: if the student has secured or is on track to secure a GPA of at least 6 (B+ average) in the BA(hons) to date

AND if:

- the student has consulted with the graduate advisor about 780AB AND has secured the conditional agreement of a supervisor in advance of preparing the EOI
- the Head of the Disciplinary Area has conditionally approved the supervision.

In order for the enrolment in 780AB to be approved for commencement in the first semester of enrolment:

- the supervisor must be satisfied with the quality of research proposal and the skill set it displays
- the student must return a GPA above 6 across all stage 3 English papers.

In order for the enrolment in 780AB to be approved for commencement in the second or subsequent semester of enrolment:

- the supervisor must be satisfied with the quality of research proposal and the skill set it displays
- the student must return a GPA of at least 6 in the BA(hons) to date.

For queries about your GPA, please contact the graduate advisor.