

Introduction to Research Methods for MATTS Students

Convenors: Dr Rochelle Sibley and Ms Kate Williams

Term 1, Weeks 2-7

Wednesdays 1:00 - 3:00

*The Dissertation Workshop which will take place Friday 16th October, 2:00 - 3:30

This module introduces students to the basic issues and procedures of literary research, including finding both print and electronic resources. The Academic Writing Programme offers guidance for MA students on structuring their research, engaging critically with secondary material and planning their dissertation.

The seminars will take place in weeks 2-7 of the autumn term. Sessions are on Wednesday afternoons from 1.00-3:00pm (although many will finish around 2:30). In weeks 5 and 6, you will be required to attend either 1.00-2.00pm or 2.00-3.00pm. Your timeslot will be confirmed in week 4. The location for the sessions in Weeks 2-4 is TBC. Please note that the Weeks 5 and 6 meetings will take place in the Library. Week 7 will take place in H501.

In addition to these seminars there will also be a dissertation proposal workshop (term 1, week 2) that will offer students effective guidance in constructing a clearly articulated outline of their research projects. This workshop will take place on Friday week 2, 2-3:30 p.m. in Writer's Room (Millburn House)

| Week | Topic | Convenor | Venue |
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| Week 2 | The writing process, constructing a bibliography and literature searching | Rochelle Sibley and Kate Williams | TBC |
| Week 2, Friday 16 th October, 2:00 - 3:30 | Dissertation proposal workshop | Rochelle Sibley | Writer's Room, Millburn House |
| Week 3 | How to demonstrate critical engagement and write research proposals | Rochelle Sibley | TBC |
| Week 4 | How to structure assignments and the dissertation | Rochelle Sibley | TBC |

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| Week 5 | Finding sources for your research | Kate Williams | Teaching Grid, Library Second floor |
| Week 6 | Managing your research sources | Kate Williams | Library's Seminar Room |
| Week 7 | Writing a translation with commentary | Chantal Wright | H501 |

Assessment

Students will be required to complete a short two-part exercise.

Part I will consist of a short online tutorial (Moodle) on literature searching, together with 3 reflective questions, which needs to be completed by 5pm on Monday (week 4).

Part II will consist of a bibliographical exercise, which must be submitted via Tabula by 12 noon on Friday (week 7). The exercises are marked as Pass/Fail. If you receive a Fail, you will receive appropriate feedback and will be required to resubmit. The award of an MA is contingent upon successful completion of the assessments for this module.

