# POSTGRADUATE ENGLISH IN 2027

## HONOURS

EITHER ENGL490 Dissertation (60 points) plus TWO of the five 30-point papers listed below OR ENGL480 Research Essay (30 points) plus THREE of the five 30-point papers listed below. 400/500-level papers from other programmes may be substituted by agreement with the head of programme.

## COMBINED HONOURS

Passionate about two subjects? Consider combined Honours. Combined Honours takes the same amount of time and number of points but involves a mix of papers from two subjects, as agreed by the two Heads of Programme.

## COURSEWORK MA

The coursework MA is similar to Honours but requires two further 30-point 500-level HUMS papers for a total of 180 points. We recommend that one of these two papers be HUMS501, which is taught by our programme. 400/500-level papers from other programmes may be substituted by agreement with the Head of Programme. Students may choose to undertake an ENGL590 dissertation as part of the degree, but unlike Honours, they are not required to complete an independent research project.

## HONOURS / MASTERS

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| ENGL480/490 | **Dissertation (FY)** | Michael Cop |
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| ENGL454 | **Medieval Misogyny (S1)** | Simone Marshall |
| ENGL476 | **Literary Lives: Johnson and Boswell (S1)** | Paul Tankard |
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| ENGL475 | **Reading and Writing Crime Fiction (S2)** | Liam McIlvanney |
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| HUMS401 | **Internship (Summer School, S1, or S2)** | Jacob Edmond |
| HUMS501 | **Writing and Revision for Graduate Research (S2 & SS)** | Michael Cop |
| CRWR5F | **Creative Writing MA (FY)** | Lynley Edmeades |

## HOW TO APPLY FOR HONOURS or COURSEWORK MA

Application is a two-part process:

1. Please email coordinator Jacob Edmond (jacob.edmond@otago.ac.nz) to indicate your interest in postgraduate study and, if you are able, to identify the proposed topic of your independent research project. (This information will help us match you with a supervisor.) If you have already made an arrangement with a potential supervisor, please let us know. If you have not already done so, we will work with you to identify an appropriate supervisor for your dissertation or research essay.

2. **Apply online by 10 December 2026**: https://www.otago.ac.nz/courses/qualifications/bahons or https://www.otago.ac.nz/courses/qualifications/macoursework

## MASTER OF CREATIVE WRITING

We offer a one-year Master of Creative Writing. Entry is restricted and you must submit a creative writing portfolio as part of your application. Applications close on **1 November**. Please contact Lynley Edmeades (lynley.edmeades@otago.ac.nz) for further details.

## RESEARCH MA / PHD

Those who successfully complete an Honours degree may apply to undertake a research MA, which is a substantial independent research project completed in 12-months of full-time study. Those who have completed a research MA may apply to undertake a PhD, which involves three years of full-time study.