

## **English 9002A Advanced Research Methods**

Fall 2017 Half Course

Location: SH 3315 (Somerville House)

Time: Mondays 4:30-6:30pm

Instructor of Record:

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Course Description:

This course introduces students to techniques, methods, and cultures of research in literary and cultural studies, and assists in developing their skills, knowledge, and understanding of advanced research methods. This course is required for all M.A. students and for Ph.D. students who have not already taken a comparable course during their MA studies.

The course may include:

- readings on research methods in literary and cultural studies
- readings on the archives of literary and cultural studies, including studies in textual editing, the history of the book, and the digital humanities
- readings on humanities research in the corporatized university
- reflection on our own methods, assumptions, and positioning within English and cultural studies
- library-based instruction in basic and advanced archival research and search methods
- instruction in the development of SSHRC and OGS graduate funding applications
- facilitation of the development of individual research projects (for example, for another course during the same term of study, for an IRP, for a conference paper or article, or for early stages of a dissertation)
- development of a cohort or community of researcher-colleagues through shared weekly course activities and in-class discussion
- reflection on the transferability of research knowledge and skills to domains beyond academic study alone

Methods of Assessment and Assignment Due Dates:

The course will be graded on a pass/fail basis. In our first class, we will discuss types of assignments and schedules of due dates most useful to individuals' paths of study. This discussion will facilitate completion of the weekly schedule for later posting in the OWL course site.

On Scholastic Offences:

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web

site: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_grad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_grad.pdf)

Health and Wellness Services at Western:

Western provides several on campus health-related services to help you achieve optimum health and engage in healthy living while pursuing your graduate degree. For example, to support physical activity, all students, as part of their registration, receive membership in Western's Campus Recreation Centre. Numerous cultural events are offered throughout the year. For example, please check out the Faculty of Music web page <http://www.music.uwo.ca/>, and our own McIntosh Gallery <http://www.mcintoshgallery.ca/>. Information regarding health- and wellness-related services available to students may be found at <http://www.health.uwo.ca/>. Students seeking help regarding mental health concerns are advised to speak to someone they feel comfortable confiding in, such as their faculty supervisor, their program director (graduate chair), or other relevant administrators in their unit. Campus mental health resources may be found at [http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental\\_health/resources.html](http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health/resources.html).