

## ELL388e Independent Study in English

**Level:** 3

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY JULY

**E-Learning:** FULL - Learning is done ENTIRELY online using interactive study materials in Canvas. Students receive guidance and support from online instructors via discussion forums and emails. There are no face-to-face sessions. If the course has an exam component, this will be administered on-campus.

### Synopsis:

ELL388 Independent Study in English offers students the opportunity to extend their knowledge about a specific topic in English Language or Literature by delving further in the area through independent research. Each student will work on a chosen academic endeavour alongside the guidance of an academic supervisor. Students will learn to conceptualise, analyse, conduct autonomous research, and to adopt the appropriate research methods and modes of communication in their chosen area of study. There is scope for the academic endeavour to take various forms, including applied research, archival analysis, or a related internship stint, as long as it is deemed relevant to the intended learning objectives. This course will develop students' skills in resource and time management, as well as refine advanced competencies in communication and problem solving.

### Topics:

- Selecting a topic
- Conducting research
- Literature review
- Investigation methods
- Presentation and academic conventions
- Project time schedule
- Reviewing, planning, and organising
- Data analysis
- Report writing
- Project guidelines
- Communicating your findings effectively
- Oral examination

### Learning Outcome:

- Compare issues and practices related to the chosen topic of investigation.
- Appraise the different theories and approaches related to the chosen topic of investigation.
- Hypothesize links in and explanations for observed trends in data collected as part of the research.
- Design a research project on a relevant topic to be investigated.
- Compose a thorough literature review and academic paper to report findings and recommendations.
- Defend ideas and recommendations in an oral presentation.

### Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
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Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	20
Overall Examinable Components	FINAL REPORT	70
	Oral Exam	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>