

# EN2J5-30 Medieval and Early Modern Literature

**26/27**

**Department**

English and Comparative Literary Studies

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 2

**Module leader**

Sarah Wood

**Credit value**

30

**Module duration**

19 weeks

**Assessment**

50% coursework, 50% exam

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

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### Module aims

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### Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be

covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Texts studied will include works by Chaucer, Sidney, Spencer, and Mary Wroth; Sir Gawain and the Green Knight; early modern travel writing; medieval and early modern drama.

## Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Show skill in reading Middle English and a broad understanding of the structure and history of the English language;
- Demonstrate a broad understanding of Medieval English literature (especially the work of Chaucer and his contemporaries), society and culture; of the forms and metres of English poetry; and of sixteenth-century and early seventeenth-century poetry, prose and drama in its intellectual and social context
- Apply their knowledge of historical contexts and genres to independent reading and analysis of texts;
- Use a range of techniques in order to analyse literary and non-literary texts including close reading of primary texts, critical reading of secondary materials, carrying out searches for appropriate scholarly materials relevant to the materials studied on the course.
- Effectively and accurately communicate arguments and analysis in response to essay questions provided by module tutor.

## Indicative reading list

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

## Research element

Research for essay

## Subject specific skills

Show skill in reading Middle English and some understanding of the structure and history of the English language

Demonstrate some knowledge of Medieval English literature (especially the work of Chaucer and his contemporaries), society and culture

Show awareness of the forms and metres of English poetry

Demonstrate some knowledge of early modern literature and its intellectual and social context

## Transferable skills

Essay writing and research skills

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## Study

## Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	19 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Seminars	19 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Other activity	4 hours (1%)
Private study	258 hours (86%)
Total	300 hours

## Private study description

Reading & research.

## Other activity description

Language and commentary classes (weeks 2-5 term 1 only)

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

## Assessment group C1

Assessment component	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessed essay	50%		Yes (extension)
<b>Reassessment component is the same</b>			
Centrally-timetabled examination (Online)	50%		No
Students will write one essay (60% of the exam mark) and one commentary (40% of the exam			

mark).

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- Online examination: No Answerbook required

Reassessment component is the same

## **Feedback on assessment**

Written comments, face-to-face meeting with seminar tutor.

[Past exam papers for EN2J5](#)

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## **Availability**

### **Courses**

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 2 of UCXA-QQ39 Undergraduate English and Classical Civilisation
- Year 2 of UENA-VQ32 Undergraduate English and History

This module is Optional for:

- Year 2 of UENA-Q300 Undergraduate English Literature
- Year 2 of UENA-VQ32 Undergraduate English and History
- Year 2 of UENA-VQ34 Undergraduate English and History (with a term in Venice)
- Year 2 of UTHA-QW34 Undergraduate English and Theatre Studies
- Year 2 of UFIA-QW25 Undergraduate Film and Literature

This module is Core option list A for:

- Year 3 of UPHA-VQ52 Undergraduate Philosophy, Literature and Classics

This module is Option list C for:

- Year 2 of UCXA-QQ37 Undergraduate Classics and English