**Module Specification**

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| **Module Code**  | EN942 |
| **Module Title** | World Literature & World Systems: A New Model for Literary Studies |
| **Module Aims** |
| To familiarize students with the basic methodological and theoretical debates, context, and concerns for the contemporary study of world literature, as a disciplinary field incorporating and displacing comparative literary, postcolonial, and area cultural studies. The module will form the requirement for the MA World Literature. |
| **Learning Outcomes** |
| **By the end of the module the student should be able to....** | **Which teaching and learning methods enable students to achieve this learning outcome?** | **Which summative assessment methods will measure the achievement of this learning outcome?** |
| Analyse, within a fully theorised historical and political context, the methodological and theoretical issues involved in the study of world literature. | Weekly core sessions, inviting close reading of designated historical, literary critical, and theoretical essays. | 6000-, 8,000, or 10,000-word essay (English Department) or 5000-word essay (other departments). Students will select an essay topic of relevance to one or two of the core sessions, but with the option of bringing their own research interests into play. |
| Relate the writing to the material and ideological conditions of their production, as well as to the cultural field of their historical era.  | Students will prepare short presentations for the weekly class.  | As above. |
| Develop an understanding of world literature and associated debates about cultural temporality and spatiality and their relation to cultural production.  | Students will present their weekly response in class on a rotating basis, allowing them to lead off with questions concerning the reading. | As above. |
| Develop an essay topic designed to cover one aspect of the course in greater depth, at the same time broaching a theoretical question drawn from the secondary reading. | Essay surgeries in week 9-10. | As above. |