

**Overview: Edinburgh Festivals Module B.Eng.814/M.EP.12d
in the Anglophone Literature and Culture Division**

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- module structure:
- course or self-study unit on aspects of cultural history or cultural theory with a specific focus on Edinburgh and its literature and culture industries
 - practical part of the module: a visit to three literary museums in or around Edinburgh; attendance at a guided tour on literary aspects; attendance at three events at the Edinburgh International Book Festival, one of which may be exchanged for an event at another festival on consultation with the instructor; students have to hand in a learning journal/portfolio for which credits are awarded (6 credits for the module)
- prerequisites:
- formal prerequisites: none;
informal prerequisites: an interest in learning how the Scottish or Edinburgh literature and culture industries works from within; readiness to engage with non-academic ideas about literature; willingness to critically reflect on theories and their relations to day-to-day work aspects
- register for:
- The module has two parts:
- a course or self-study unit, which you have to register for in FlexNow (B.Eng.814.Tn/M.EP.12d.Tn),
 - and the learning journal/portfolio report, for which you also have to register in FlexNow (B.Eng.814.Mp/M.EP.12d.Mp). The two do not necessarily have the same instructors.
- registration deadlines:
- for the course: usually at the end of the course
 - for the self-study unit: end of the semester
 - for the portfolio report: usually at the end of the semester
- register with:
- for the course: your course instructor
 - for the self-study unit: Dr. Reitemeier
 - for the portfolio report: if you have taken a course, your course instructor or Dr. Reitemeier; if you have completed the self-study unit, Dr. Reitemeier
- type of exam /
number of words:
- course: to be announced by the instructor; this part has no exam per se but regular attendance is required
 - self-study unit: portfolio entries (in total around 1,200 to 1,500 words)
 - report: 3000 words, ungraded
- content of exam parts:
- course: ask your course instructor about what they require you to do for the course; regular attendance
 - self-study unit:
 - understanding the Scottishness of Scottish literature and how Scottish literature is advertised and marketed;
 - getting an insight into cultural institutions and bodies engaged in marketing Scottish literature;
 - observation practices. The final part is a project outline for the readings and talks.
 - portfolio report:
 - brief outline of events;
 - outline of observation results and conclusions;

- reflection on how your hands-on experience compares to what you learnt in the course/self-study unit or course.

style sheet:

As for every academic paper handed in for a course in the Anglophone Literature and Culture division, students are expected to use the division style sheet.

assessment:

The exam is ungraded. Students are expected to show

- a concise outline of their project and the observation results;
- a good understanding of the theoretical text/s used;
- a critical engagement with the ideas from the course/self-study unit;
- a corresponding insight into how the literary industry deals with authors, texts, readers, and literature generally;
- thoughts on the connections found (or not found) between the theoretical ideas and the day-to-day practice encountered during the readings/talks/productions.

Grammatical correctness and a good academic style are expected.

grading scheme:

The module is ungraded.

options for appeal:

Within a month of the publication of the result, students can lodge an appeal against the grade if they consider the result inadequate (§ 20 par. 1 Allgemeine Prüfungsordnung für Bachelor- und Masterstudiengänge). The Faculty's Exams Committee will then request a clarification of the grade and, if necessary, submit the report to another supervisor for re-assessment.