

National School of Arts & Sciences

ENGL3002 Embodying Home: Reading and Writing Place

Summer intensive

Fremantle Campus | 6–29 January 2027



On campus, Wednesday and Thursday, 9am – 3pm (first three weeks)
25 credit points

Who is this course for?

This course is **open to students from any program** who want to deepen their understanding of First Nations cultures and knowledges, and what this rich heritage can offer each one of us today.

You must have **previously completed 200 credit points of learning** (through any courses). This is to ensure you have the capacities for self-learning at 3000 level.

As a Literature & Writing course, Embodying Home engages various forms of written texts (poetry, short story, essay, memoir, journal articles). The only disciplinary requirement is a desire to learn with others through reading, responding and writing.

You will consolidate your capacities for close and wide reading, critical thinking and academic writing obtained from across your studies. And you will develop intellectually and imaginatively by applying this learning through reflective and creative writing.

Course description

Learning how to live better with each other in the places we call home is a primary concern for decision-makers, artists, community builders, families and individuals. For many Indigenous people around the world land, Country, mother and body are interrelated concepts. This course explores what it means to embody Country and to therefore ‘make peace with one’s body’. Thus, writings from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and other First Nations authors will be central to our learning. Through critical and creative engagement with these ideas and methodologies, and other texts from the western tradition, you will consider what geographic literacy means by striving to map tracks of intellectual and creative enquiry between place, belonging, connection to land, sea and waterways, and sustainability. The learning experience is workshop based and will involve interactive and creative activities inside and outside of the classroom.

Ultimately the course promotes commitment to the common good and sustainability through reflection on place as home to be cherished and valued deeply.

How to enrol

To enrol in this course, select ENGL3002, Fremantle Campus and Summer Term (ST), or enter the Class Number 2319.

The Course Outline will be available in Blackboard one week before the course begins. If you have further questions, please email the Course Coordinator, Helena Kadmos helena.kadmos@nd.edu.au.

Attendance requirements and workload

This course is a full 25-cpt course offered in intensive mode over four weeks.

You should expect to spend, on average, 35 hours per week to complete the course. This involves face-to-face classes every Wednesday and Thursday (9 am to 3 pm) for the first three weeks.

Attendance at all classes is a requirement of the course.

In addition, you must be prepared to undertake preparation and complete assessments in your own time (reading, research, writing), with the final assessment due on Friday 29 January.

Some classes involve activities outdoors in the local area around campus. On one of the in-person class days, we may meet for a field trip elsewhere that will be accessible by public transport. Students will need to make their own way to this location. Details will be confirmed when the course outline is finalised.

Assessment and success

Assessment includes a written analysis, tutorial participation and a portfolio of creative writing developed over the course. There is no exam.

To pass the course, students must attempt all assessment tasks **and** achieve at least 50% when marks are totalled.

Required materials

You should bring physical writing materials, and a personal digital device if used, to every class. It is recommended that you obtain a notebook (lined or blank) for journalling, sketching and gathering ideas. All reading materials will be available through Blackboard, and you will be required to read a range of literary and critical texts in preparation for every class.