Text and Context:
British and Irish Literature from 1900 to the Present
Modernism; Scottish Literature; Contemporary Literature

Creative Writing
Contemporary British
and Irish Theatre and Performance

Scottish Universities’ International Summer School
10 July – 19 August 2017
The Scottish Universities’ International Summer School was founded as a non-profit organisation by Professor David Daiches in 1947. In the spirit of the Edinburgh International Festival, SUISS brings together students and academics who, irrespective of their national, religious, cultural or gender differences, share a love of literature and the arts. SUISS is affiliated with seven prestigious universities: The University of Aberdeen, The University of Dundee, The University of Edinburgh, The University of Glasgow, The Open University in Scotland, The University of St Andrews, and The University of Strathclyde.

Each summer we offer three courses in Text and Context: British and Irish Literature from 1900 to the Present, one course in Creative Writing, and one course in Contemporary British and Irish Theatre and Performance. Our literature courses offer extensive examination of theoretical approaches to Modernism, Scottish Literature, and Contemporary Literature. Our Creative Writing course allows students to develop their personal writing portfolios, and our Contemporary British and Irish Theatre and Performance course offers students a supportive environment in which to further their skills in interpreting drama and performance.

SUISS is based at The University of Edinburgh, which offers our students excellent educational and accommodation facilities, the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful capital city of Edinburgh, the world’s first UNESCO City of Literature, and to explore cultural and historical sites across Scotland.

“The whole SUISS experience has changed me for the better – more than I imagined. I’m so much more insightful, well-studied and open to new experiences than I was before coming here.”

Krini, Cyprus

“This is an excellent programme and learning opportunity for students around the world. It’s academically rewarding, but also inspirational – because of the course, the city and its people, and the rich culture and literary heritage of Scotland. Thanks very much!”

Mike, USA
The Text and Context programme provides comprehensive, interdisciplinary courses that examine literature from Britain and Ireland in the context of the key societal and cultural developments during the twentieth and the twenty-first century. The dynamic and diverse characteristics of more than a hundred years of English, Irish, and Scottish texts are studied in conjunction with recent developments in literary theory.

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The Modernism module examines work by, among others, T.S. Eliot, Ford Madox Ford, Virginia Woolf and Jean Rhys and is designed to address the needs of students of all levels who wish to focus on Modernist aesthetics and explore in more detail this historical and cultural period. Lectures are complimented by visits to Mansfield Traquair, the National Gallery of Modern Art, the Scottish Poetry Library and much more!

The Scottish Literature course spans the twentieth and early-twenty-first centuries, beginning with Scottish Modernism and moving through Post-Modern and Contemporary Scottish Literature. The reading list includes poetry by Hugh MacDiarmid, Liz Lochhead and Edwin Morgan, plays by John McGrath and Gregory Burke, and fiction by Lewis Grassic Gibbon, Muriel Spark and Alasdair Gray. Activities include a Ceilidh, a Burns Supper, and a formal evening at the beautiful Playfair Library.

The Contemporary Literature course covers British and Irish Literature since 1990. Texts include notable works by A. S. Byatt, Ali Smith, David Mitchell and David Greig, as well as the graphic novel. This exciting course takes place during the Edinburgh festival season, and includes a performance at the Edinburgh International Festival, as well as an evening at the Edinburgh International Book Festival.

“Scottish Literature at SUISS is truly a unique experience. I feel I’ve learned so much about Scotland in these short weeks with the combined academic / social components of the course.”

Shannon, USA
Creative Writing Programme

The Creative Writing programme is one of the most exciting and diverse programmes available in Britain. The four-week course offers developing writers a supportive environment in which to further their writing skills in fiction, poetry, drama and non-fiction. Students have a unique opportunity to attend author-led Masterclasses and readings from established writers.

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The Creative Writing course offers:

- **Workshop Seminars**: SUISS tutors lead 3 hour seminars which includes writing exercises
- **Author-led Masterclasses**: Prominent contemporary British writers offer students an opportunity to engage in unique discussions and activities
- **Lectures**: Students attend select Modernism and Scottish Literature lectures to gain additional perspectives in critical analysis
- **4 Individual Mentoring Sessions**: Students receive 30 minutes of tutor feedback per week
- **Publishing Workshop**: A Literary Agent identifies key aspects of the publishing industry in an exclusive lecture for students

“*This has been a mind blowing experience. I learned so many new things and gained so much confidence in my writing.*”  
**Rosario, Argentina**

“*The Creative Writing course was much more than I expected. My tutor motivated me to publish my next book in English and I do believe I can. On top of this, I was so pleased with the Scottish warmth and politeness.*”  
**Cristina, Brazil**

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Edinburgh Bookshop

Liz Lochhead Book Signing

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The Contemporary British Theatre & Performance course offers:

- **5 Workshops:** Prominent academics, theatre practitioners, and critics lead interactive workshops in areas of drama theory and practice
- **Daily Seminars:** SUISS tutors lead small group seminars on dramatic texts and interpretive strategies
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- **Panel Discussions:** As part of the Edinburgh International Festival, a discussion is held between leading playwrights and directors on topics relevant to contemporary theatre
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"I had high expectations to begin with, but SUISS went above and beyond. Truly, the best way I've spent a summer. I've learned so much and I've made lifelong friends."

Elspeth, USA

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The Social and Cultural Programme

Students have the opportunity to attend afternoon and evening events, which include local tours, film screenings, festival shows, and ceilidh dances. A prominent feature of the programme is a series of readings from Scotland’s leading contemporary writers. Previous authors have included A. L. Kennedy, Liz Lochhead, Janice Galloway, David Greig, James Robertson, and others.

The City: Edinburgh

Edinburgh was designated as the first UNESCO World City of Literature and is home to highly acclaimed authors such as JK Rowling, Ian Rankin, Irvine Welsh and Alexander McCall Smith to name just a few.

Around 4 million people visit Edinburgh every year, many of them for the Edinburgh International Book Festival in August – the largest public celebration of the written word in the world – but many to explore the literary city and all it has to offer the book lover.

SUISS coincides with the many Edinburgh Festivals, including the Military Tattoo, the Edinburgh International Festival and Fringe Festival against the glorious backdrop of the extinct volcanoes of Arthur’s Seat and Edinburgh Castle.

“Coming here was the best decision I’ve ever made. It completely changed my perspective of the world.”

Maria, Pakistan

“To study in Edinburgh in August, when the numerous festivals are held, is truly amazing.”

Neesha, India

Edinburgh is also an acclaimed centre of learning. The National Library of Scotland is a copyright library, and holds a copy of every book published in the United Kingdom. One of the largest and finest collections in the British Isles, the NLS provides outstanding facilities for research in all fields. The resources of the NLS are complemented by The University of Edinburgh Library, the extensive collections of which are designed to meet the needs of both undergraduate and postgraduate students.
To secure a place on one or more of our courses, and to guarantee accommodation, we advise you to apply as early as possible. Please visit our website at www.suiss.ed.ac.uk, and submit the following by post or email to the Administrative Manager at suiss@ed.ac.uk:

- a completed SUISS application form
- a passport-style photograph
- letter of recommendation from academic referees
- written work samples of EITHER prose or drama (max. 3,000 words) OR a selection of poetry (max. 50 lines). **Please note that this applies to Creative Writing students ONLY.**
- £100 non-refundable deposit*

*Scholarship applicants are exempt from providing a deposit.

Application Deadline: Monday, April 24th 2017

The Reading List

Each course is assigned texts that form the basis of the academic work of the **Text and Context, Creative Writing** and **Theatre & Performance** courses. Because the SUISS programme is intensive, it is highly recommended that students read the set texts, especially the prose and drama, prior to their arrival at SUISS. Please note that the Reading List is available on the SUISS website.

Academic Credit

Credit is available to, although not compulsory for, all students attending any of these courses. SUISS courses are accredited through the University of Edinburgh degree credit scheme (SCOTCAT) and recognised by universities throughout the world.

Those seeking credit will receive a transcript from the University of Edinburgh that details contact hours, an assessment of their contribution to seminar discussions, grades achieved, and private study hours. Please note that credit can be sought at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

“I will miss being surrounded by such amazing, literary and intelligent people. It has been an amazing experience!”

Rose, Denmark

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Accommodation Information

Students stay at the Pollock Halls of Residence, The University of Edinburgh’s student accommodation, which is situated at the base of Arthur’s Seat, an extinct volcano. Pollock Halls is within walking distance of the city centre and The University buildings at George Square.

Facilities include:
- Single study rooms
- Free internet access
- A computer lab, a shop, a bar, and an ATM
- Breakfast and dinner at the Pollock Halls cafeteria
- Lunch at the Library Café on weekdays

Please note:
- Students may choose to take the course as non-residential students at a lesser cost, or upgrade their accommodation to en-suite at an additional cost. Further details are available on our website.
- Additional nights can be booked through the SUISS Administrative Manager at a special rate.

Travel and Insurance

Students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to Edinburgh. We strongly recommend applying for a comprehensive insurance to cover travel, health, belongings, and cancellation/curtailment costs.

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Scholarships

Thanks to our sponsors, SUISS is able to offer several scholarships for applicants who are from specific countries, who specialise in certain subjects, or for exceptional literature students who would be unable to attend SUISS without financial assistance.

To be eligible for scholarships, applications must be received no later than Monday, 27th March 2017. Please visit our website for additional information.

Our scholarship programme is supported, in part, by:
Friends and family of Professor David Daiches
Friends of John McGrath and Elizabeth MacLennan
The Charles Wallace India Trust
The Edwin Morgan Trust
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William Zachs and Martin Adam

“My four weeks at SUISS were wonderful. Undoubtedly one of the best experiences of my life”
Kristien, South Africa