

First Year Students: Semester One Reading Lists

Congratulations on being accepted onto a Newcastle SELLL degree. We are looking forward to welcoming all our new students to our SELLL community in the autumn.

We know that some incoming students would like to get a sense of the reading lists for each module, while others may not have the opportunity to look at this material in advance.

Below are some suggestions about what you might want to start reading before term starts, although there is absolutely no need to do so as there is plenty of time built into each week during termtime to complete your reading.

If you are taking a **Language and Linguistics** degree with us, please see the *English Language and Linguistics Indicative Texts Stage 1* document (found on the same webpage as this document) for an outline of your reading.

If you are taking a Literature degree with us, you will be taking one or both of the two core modules, SEL1030 *Close Reading* and SEL1003 *Introduction to Literary Studies*:

- *Close Reading* has no required reading; in order to prepare for it, we suggest that you read something very different to the kind of text you usually read.
- *Introduction to Literary Studies* is where you will be exploring a new text each week. This coming autumn, these texts will include (amongst others) Brian Friel's *Translations*, Jackie Kay's *The Adoption Papers*, Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights* and Sam Selvon's *The Lonely Londoners*. You may wish to get started on this reading in advance of the semester, although there is no need to do so.