Sophister Option Description Template 2018-19

Option Name: Digital Humanities

Option Short Title: DH

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ECTS Weighting: 10

Semester/Term Taught: MT

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this module a student should be able to:

- Demonstrate a knowledge of leading theoretical approaches to Digital Humanities
- Demonstrate a knowledge of DH techniques relevant to the study of literature

Option Learning Aims:

This course will familiarize students with:

- The key theoretical approaches to Digital Humanities
- The design of DH experiments
- A range of relevant Digital Humanities techniques

Option Content:

1. Introduction
2. Designing Digital Questions
3. Working with (Meta-) Data
4. Working with untidy text
5. Digital textual editing 1
6. Digital textual editing 2
7. READING WEEK
8. Digital textual editing 3
9. Textual Analysis
10. Maps and Networks
11. Delivering content
12. Conclusion

Assessment Details: (Including component percentage(s)):

Digital portfolio: 50% (made up of 4 equally weighted elements)

2 blog posts: 25% + 25%
Reading list:


Franco Moretti, Distant reading, (Verso, 2013)


Mark S. Sweetnam Barbara A. Fennell, ‘Natural language processing and early-modern dirty data: applying IBM Languageware to the 1641 depositions’, Literary and Linguistic Computing, Volume 27, Issue 1, 1 April 2012, pp. 39–54,
