Word Limits

1. Footnotes, endnotes and bibliography are NOT included in the word count; however, students should, of course, use common sense with respect to this ruling, as will tutors when assessing the overall submission/piece of work. Footnotes, for example, should not be unduly discursive or used as a means to extend the basic content of an essay.

2. Students who slightly exceed a word limit are not penalised; here again, tutors are expected to use common sense; students who exceed a word limit beyond what the marker considers to be reasonable may be penalised as is deemed appropriate by the tutor(s) involved.

3. The only exception to no.2 (above) is the ENG301 dissertation, where any exceeding of the word limit will attract a penalty to be determined by the two tutors involved in its marking, in consultation with the 301 convenor (to ensure parity of treatment).

4. Under-length work is considered self-penalising.