

**COURSE DATA****Data Subject**

Code	35352
Name	Monographic course in English literature
Cycle	Grade
ECTS Credits	6.0
Academic year	2019 - 2020

Study (s)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1000 - Degree in English Studies	Faculty of Philology, Translation and Communication	3	Second term

Subject-matter

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1000 - Degree in English Studies	13 - Monograph on English literature	Optional

Coordination

Name	Department
BRIGIDO CORACHAN, ANA MARIA	155 - English and German

SUMMARY***World Literatures in English***

A survey of new emergent literatures written in English by authors from the Commonwealth and other English-speaking countries other than the United Kingdom and Ireland, some of whom are recent Nobel Prize winners. Often referred to as postcolonial or postimperial literature, this new anglophone fiction challenges traditional Eurocentric conceptions of the literary realm by offering complex and dynamic glimpses of world realities through compelling narratives and groundbreaking uses of the English language. This course addresses questions of travel and exile, migration, globalization, gender, subalternity, community, re-imagination, uneven development, and contemporary neocolonial and counter-hegemonic practices in England's former colonies through their literary and cinematic works.



PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

Relationship to other subjects of the same degree

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

Other requirements

OUTCOMES

1000 - Degree in English Studies

- Students must have acquired knowledge and understanding in a specific field of study, on the basis of general secondary education and at a level that includes mainly knowledge drawn from advanced textbooks, but also some cutting-edge knowledge in their field of study.
- Students must be able to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional manner and have acquired the competences required for the preparation and defence of arguments and for problem solving in their field of study.
- Students must be able to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both expert and lay audiences.
- Students must have developed the learning skills needed to undertake further study with a high degree of autonomy.
- Demonstrate communicative and social competence in the English language (oral and written comprehension and expression, communicative interaction and mediation that includes correct grammar and style).
- Develop a critical ability to explain literary texts in English and to identify aesthetic conventions, movements, periods, genres, authors and works in English language and their modes of production.
- Relate geographical and historical aspects and the most relevant institutions in the Anglophone world to contemporary society and culture.
- Know and apply the currents and methodologies of literary theory and criticism.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Having successfully completed the course, students will be able to

- write essays on topics assigned to by the lecturer or chosen by the student related to one or several postcolonial works in English
- identify and describe the aesthetic conventions, their evolution, modes of production and reception of works, genres and movements in postcolonial literature in English.



- explain and assess postcolonial literary texts in English using different critical approaches and in relation to their respective literary and historical contexts
- write a stylistic commentary or 'practical criticism' essay on a literary excerpt or a short literary text in English
- identify excerpts from postcolonial literary works in English covered during the course and assess their significance
- write a review of a postcolonial literary work in English, a translation, a theatre production, a film adaptation or an adaptation to other art forms.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Introduction to World Literatures written in English. Imperial histories, postcolonial and neocolonial struggles. Speaking the enemys language.

2. The Postcolonial Condition. Postcolonial movements of independence. Modernity, Gender, Nation. Literary Cannibalism. Nation Language and transculturation.

3. Oratures: African storytelling and the literary sphere.

4. South Asian Literatures. Intellectuals in the Postcolonial world.

5. The Native Americas: Recovering Tradition, Rebuilding Identity. Trauma, Humor and Irony as creative tools

6. The Tourist Gaze: globalization and the new colonizing waves

7. Traveling Cultures: Imaginary Homelands: Diaspora Migrations, Exiles, Returns

**WORKLOAD**

ACTIVITY	Hours	% To be attended
Theory classes	60,00	100
Study and independent work	60,00	0
Preparation of evaluation activities	30,00	0
TOTAL	150,00	

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Lectures on the history of England's former colonies, major authors, transculturated genres and literary works. Lectures on some key concepts and debates in *postcolonial* criticism and other theories of anti-colonial literary resistance. Students' own readings of these novels, stories and poems; their ability to understand these works within their historical background with a critical and independent eye. Comprehensive analysis and collective discussion of texts in which students are encouraged to put into use their critical competence and historical knowledge while practicing their oral expression in the English language.

EVALUATION

*S01 - Student participation: 20% (This includes: active participation that stirs class debate, coming prepared with specific ideas for each discussion seminar, being respectful, contributing to class knowledge).

*S09 - Reading Quizzes on Required Readings: 20%

*S11 - Written Assignment or Project (s): 60%

-Students who are unable to attend classes and participate in a satisfactory manner will not be allowed to do a final written assignment or project and will take a comprehensive final examination instead. This means that if you miss more than five classes and/or do not pass at least 4 of the 6 in-class reading quizzes with at least a 5 over 10 average you will have to take the final exam which is worth 90% of the grade (the remaining 10% is for participation). Also notice that there will be NO make-up quizzes, please plan to attend sessions for which a quiz has been scheduled. You have to take a minimum of 4 reading quizzes. The amount of work on which students taking the final examination will be assessed will be equivalent to 150 ECTS working hours (6 credits), as in the case of students who do the standard type of assessment. Questions will be drawn from mandatory readings, notes, dossiers, theory texts, and from the subject's recommended bibliography. Questions will be open-ended and will include commentaries of texts and/or other visual sources.



-Specific instructions for the Research Project and/or Final Paper will be available in Resources > Aula Virtual. Students should be aware that plagiarism will mean an automatic failing grade. You need to cite all your sources using an appropriate citation style like MLA.

See for example:

Purdue Online Writing Lab: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

The ability to communicate at the C1 (CEFR level) is required to pass the course as a whole. Students whose communication (written and/or oral) displays errors that are not consistent with the above level will fail the module regardless of their performance related to the course contents.

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Additional

- Webgraphy:

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ADDENDUM COVID-19

This addendum will only be activated if the health situation requires so and with the prior agreement of the Governing Council

1. Contents

Unit 1: Introduction
Unit 2: The Postcolonial condition
Unit 3. African Oratures
Unit 4. The Native Americas
Unit 5. South Asian Literatures

2. Workload and teaching schedule

No changes

3. Teaching methodology

The module's online methology includes the following tools and methods: Resources and Documents in Aula Virtual, Reading Quizzes become Tasks in Aula Virtual, Class Participation through the online reading site Classroom Salon, pre-recorded lectures are shared through Aula Virtual.

4. Assessment

The module's final assessment has the same original assessment breakout but will be carried out online: 1. Reading Quizzes are now Tasks which are uploaded to Aula Virtual, 2. In-class participation is being assessed through the online forum Classroom Salon, 3. The Final Essay will be uploaded to Aula Virtual. Students who chose to be evaluated at the end of the semester through a final examination will have a take-home exam that will be uploaded to Aula Virtual. This exam will have to be completed within a limited time, will require the appropriate use of primary and secondary sources, and will be checked for plagiarism.

This assessment system will be carried over to the second call.

5. Bibliography

No changes.