

Contemporary German Literature

Code: 100209
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500245 English Studies	OT	3	0
2500245 English Studies	OT	4	0
2501801 Catalan and Spanish	OT	3	0
2501801 Catalan and Spanish	OT	4	0
2501902 English and Catalan	OT	3	0
2501902 English and Catalan	OT	4	0
2501907 English and Classics	OT	3	0
2501907 English and Classics	OT	4	0
2501910 English and Spanish	OT	3	0
2501910 English and Spanish	OT	4	0
2501913 English and French	OT	3	0
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Use of Languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Teachers

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Prerequisites

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This subject does not require prior knowledge of German language. The works will be read in Catalan or Spanish translation, and will be discussed in these languages. Eventually the originals will be compared with the translations in order to comment on specific aspects.

Objectives and Contextualisation

Objectives:

Learning objectives: the course aims to offer, through six authors, an approach to one of the most brilliant periods

We will comment authors from different German-speaking territories and focus on the diversity of aesthetic and ideological

The analysis will include the comparison with the other Western literatures of the same period.

Competences

English Studies

- Develop critical thinking and reasoning and knowing how to communicate effectively both in your mother tongue and in other languages.
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- Identifying the basic concepts of history, culture and literature in German.
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Learning Outcomes

1. Analyse a text from different aspects and summarising the results of the analysis in a global interpretation.
2. Analyse various aspects of a film and summarise the results of the analysis in a global interpretation.
3. Apply various analysis and interpretation methods of films.
4. Apply various methods of analysis and interpretation of texts.
5. Assess from literary texts the various cultural contexts from a critical perspective.
6. Have criteria in order to assess the aesthetics of a literary work or film.
7. Identify literary genres and currents of great importance to the history of German literature.
8. Identify the main literary, cultural and historical currents in the German language.
9. Practise the critical discourse and implement the argumentative processes.
10. Produce new professional initiatives.
11. Recognising theories of other human, artistic, and social areas and applying them to German literature and cinema.
12. Students must be capable of comprehending advanced academic or professional texts in their own language or the another acquired in the degree.
13. Students must be capable of precisely arguing ideas and opinions in their own language or another acquired in the degree.

14. Use the specific expressive resources of the essay genre.

Content

Contents:

The course is a review of the main trends, authors and works of German literature of the interwar period. The work

The seminar will be based on the commentary and analysis of the following books (eventually a dossier with copies)

1- Franz Kafka: A rural doctor

2- Joseph Roth: Hotel Savoy

3- Rilke: Poetic anthology

4- Ödön von Horváth: Youth without God

5- Bertolt Brecht: The good person of Sezuan

6- Stefan Zweig: The chess novel

Methodology

Methodology:

The subject will be based on reading, searching for information, commenting and exchanging opinions.

The students will assume different roles in the seminar, which we will distribute throughout the course: present bi

At the end of a reading a comment scheme will be proposed: each student will have to present two comments thr

A paper will be elaborated about one of the readings proposed in the course.

The structure of the course will be more of a seminar than a master class.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Classes of analysis and interpretation of texts in the group	30	1.2	1, 4, 13, 12, 8, 7

Elaboration of comments and critical essays. Paper	15	0.6	13, 8, 11, 14, 5
Master classes with active student participation and collective discussion	30	1.2	1, 5
Presentations in groups or individuals	13	0.52	13
Type: Supervised			
Support tutorials	15	0.6	13
Type: Autonomous			
Reading books and secondary bibliography	15	0.6	4, 7
Use of Campus Virtual and Internet	10	0.4	

Assessment

Evaluation:

The evaluation of the course will result from the mark obtained in each of the reading comments (30%); of the pa

The deadline for the delivery of the works will be towards the last two weeks of May.

Reevaluation: the presentation, the paper on one of the books and the comments

are reevaluatable, as long as the student does not have any of those tasks as not presented. Only 30% of the sul

VERY IMPORTANT: The total and partial plagiarism of any of the exercises will automatically be considered a Sl

exercise, also losing the right to reevaluate it. If the situation is repeated, the whole subject will be suspended. Pl

unidentified sources of a text, be it a single phrase or more, making them go through own production. (THIS INCI

OR INTERNET FRAGMENTS AND ADDING THEM WITHOUT MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT THAT IS PRO

We must learn to respect the intellectual property of others and always identify the sources that can be used, and

for the originality and authenticity of the text itself.

Assessment Activities

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Papers written at home	70%	20	0.8	2, 1, 3, 4, 13, 12, 6, 9, 10, 8, 7, 11, 14, 5
Presentation in class	30%	2	0.08	2, 1, 3, 4, 13, 12, 6, 9, 10, 8, 7, 11, 14, 5

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