

Western Literary Tradition II

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 ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500243 Classics	OT	3	0
2500243 Classics	OT	4	0
2500245 English Studies	OT	3	0
2500245 English Studies	OT	4	0
2500247 Catalan Language and Literature	OT	3	0
2500247 Catalan Language and Literature	OT	4	0
2500248 Spanish Language and Literature	OT	3	0
2500248 Spanish Language and Literature	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: spanish (spa)
 Some groups entirely in English: No
 Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
 Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Prerequisites

By obtaining the minimum of credits *in basic training subjects*, students have demonstrated to have acquired the basic competences and they will be able to express themselves orally and in writing. For this reason, any spelling and expression errors that may be committed will lead to a score decrease in the final grade.

Activities, practical sessions and papers submitted in the course must be original and under no circumstances will the total or partial plagiarism of third-party materials published on any medium be admitted. Any submission of non-original material without properly indicating its origin will automatically result in a failure rating (0).

It is also expected that students know the general rules of submission of an academic work. However, students could apply the specific rules that the teacher of the subject may indicate to them, if they deem it necessary.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The course is an approach to the debate around literary modernity and postmodernity. The texts chosen to reflect about these themes hold an eminent place in the current canon, they have been studied from different methodologies and they have received some of the most celebrated practical achievements of literary criticism. The objective of the subject is that the selected readings constitute the starting point of a critical discourse on the tradition that these works (and their critical response) have helped to define.

Competences

Classics

- Analysing the formal, thematic, cultural and historical characteristics of the works of literary creation and reflection on literature of different languages and countries.
- Demonstrating they know the basic theoretical foundations of the main methods and currents of literature and criticism.
- Identifying the specific concepts and methods of each of the fields of comparatism.
- Interpreting and assessing literary texts and explaining the results of the process.
- Relating literary works from different countries, languages, periods and authors according to genres, topics, modalities and forms.
- Students must be capable of applying their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and they should have building arguments and problem resolution skills within their area of study.
- Students must be capable of collecting and interpreting relevant data (usually within their area of study) in order to make statements that reflect social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Students must develop the necessary learning skills in order to undertake further training with a high degree of autonomy.

English Studies

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- Students have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (normally within their study area) to issue judgments that include reflection on important issues of social, scientific or ethical.
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Catalan Language and Literature

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Spanish Language and Literature

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Catalan and Spanish

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English and Catalan

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English and Classics

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English and French

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Learning Outcomes

1. Analysing literary texts using different concepts and methods of comparative literature.
2. Argue about several issues and literary problems for the purpose of different works and the assessment of the results.
3. Arguing about several issues and literary problems for the purpose of different works and the assessment of the results.
4. Arguing on various subjects and literary works about different problems and evaluate the results.
5. Carry out a play for the development of a subject-related work.
6. Carrying out a planning for the development of a subject-related work.
7. Critically interpret literary works considering the relationships between different fields of literature and its relation to human, artistic and social areas.
8. Critically interpret literary works take into account the relationships between different areas of literature and its relationships with human, artistic and social areas.
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10. Critically interpreting literary works taking into account the relationships between the different areas of literature and its relationships with human, artistic and social areas.
11. Explaining the basic characteristics of comparative literary texts.
12. Identify and explaining the basic structures of literary works.
13. Identifying and explaining the basic structures of literary works.
14. Identifying various literary elements and inserting them into different texts and discursive styles.
15. Present works in formats tailored to the needs and personal styles, both individual and small group.
16. Solve problems about writers, methods and currents of comparative literature, connecting them with knowledge of other humanistic disciplines.
17. Solve problems related to the study of different literatures.
18. Solving problems about authors and currents of comparative literature, connecting them with knowledge of other humanistic disciplines.
19. Solving problems about writers, methods and currents of comparative literature, and connecting them with knowledge of other humanistic disciplines.
20. Solving problems related to the study of different literatures.
21. Solving tasks on authors, and current methods of comparative literature, relating knowledge from other human disciplines.
22. Submitting works in accordance with both individual and small group demands and personal styles.
23. Summarising acquired knowledge about the origin and transformations experienced in its several fields of study.

Content

Topics

1. Modernity and Postmodernity. History, meaning and discussion of two concepts

2. Charles Baudelaire, *Les fleurs du mal*
3. Lewis Carroll, *Trough the Looking Glass and What Alice Found There*
4. Joseph Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*
5. Franz Kafka, *Der Schloss*
6. Jorge Luis Borges, *Ficciones*
7. Margaret Atwood, *The Handmaid's Tale*

Methodology

The learning of this subject by the students is distributed as follows:

- Directed activities (35%). These activities are divided into master classes and seminars and classroom practices led by the faculty, in which theoretical explanation is combined with discussion of all types of texts.
- Supervised activities (15%). These tutorials are programmed by the teacher, dedicated to correcting and commenting on problems both related to the syllabus of the subject and, above all, to the written papers that the student must present.
- Autonomous activities. These activities include both time devoted to individual study and production of written papers.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Master classes	55	2.2	3, 18, 23
Type: Supervised			
Programmed tutorials	20	0.8	6, 14, 22
Type: Autonomous			
written papers	75	3	3, 6, 22

Assessment

The evaluation will be carried through two mandatory written assignments to be submitted in December and January, and a presentation in class of a brief commentary of one of the mandatory readings of the course. Students can only apply for re-evaluation if they have submitted all the papers and have been suspended for failing to achieve the required grade point average.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
1 written work to be submitted in December	40%	0	0	1, 3, 4, 2, 6, 5, 11, 14, 13, 12, 10, 7, 9, 8, 22, 15, 17, 20, 18, 19, 21, 16, 23

1 written work to be submitted in January	40%	40%	0	0	1, 3, 4, 2, 6, 5, 11, 14, 13, 12, 10, 7, 9, 8, 22, 15, 17, 20, 18, 19, 21, 16, 23
Brief oral presentation on one of the mandatory readings of the course		20%	0	0	1, 4, 11, 14, 13, 7, 22, 20

Bibliography

Mandatory readings

The mandatory readings are obviously those indicated in the course syllabus, as well as other texts that will be distributed in photocopy.

Bibliography

The present list contains the fundamental bibliographical references for the theoretical framework of the subject (definition and study of modernity and postmodernity). The specific bibliography for each author and work will be delivered during the course.

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