

**Theory and Analysis of Theatre**

Code: 100242  
 ECTS Credits: 6

| Degree                                  | Type | Year | Semester |
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| 2500243 Classics                        | OT   | 3    | 0        |
| 2500243 Classics                        | OT   | 4    | 0        |
| 2500245 English Studies                 | OT   | 3    | 0        |
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| 2500247 Catalan Language and Literature | OT   | 3    | 0        |
| 2500247 Catalan Language and Literature | OT   | 4    | 0        |
| 2500248 Spanish Language and Literature | OT   | 3    | 0        |
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| 2501801 Catalan and Spanish             | OT   | 3    | 0        |
| 2501801 Catalan and Spanish             | OT   | 4    | 0        |
| 2501902 English and Catalan             | OT   | 3    | 0        |
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| 2501907 English and Classics            | OT   | 3    | 0        |
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| 2501910 English and Spanish             | OT   | 3    | 0        |
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| 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

**Prerequisites**

Since the students have duely given evidence of having acquired the basic competences of the subject, they will need to be able to express properly their ideas both in oral and in written form. Spelling mistakes will be

marked down. Coursework will have to be original work and plagiarism either partial or total will be penalised 1 marked down. Coursework will have to be original work and plagiarism either partial or total will be penalised with a failure (0) in the final assessment. The students are expected to be acquainted with the basic rules of academic language and presentation, and also follow the instructions and conventions indicated by the teacher.

## Objectives and Contextualisation

The fundamental objectives of the subject are to prepare students to be able to make a deeper understanding of the theatrical genre, either from a literary or spectacular perspective. For this reason, the students must know the specificity of the theatrical communication, they must acquire useful concepts and dramatic terms to carry out a theoretical or interpretative reflection of the theatre production.

## Competences

### Classics

- Applying the fundamental theoretical concepts to the comprehension of the narrative, poetic and dramatic texts from a gender perspective.
- Interpreting the thematic and symbolic content of the narrative, poetic and dramatic texts according to the textual and pragmatic strategies, following the main methodologies of analysis.
- Relating the methods and results of the literary analysis to the literature as a system and the social sciences, and being capable of interpreting the interlocking of literary texts with other aspects of the human (individual and collective) activity.
- 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

- Students can apply the knowledge to their own work or vocation in a professional manner and have the powers generally demonstrated by preparing and defending arguments and solving problems within their area of study.
- 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 and Spanish

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## Learning Outcomes

1. Argue about several issues and literary problems for the purpose of different works and the assessment of the results.
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3. Arguing on various subjects and literary works about different problems and evaluate the results.
4. Carry out a play for the development of a subject-related work.
5. Carrying out a planning for the development of a subject-related work.
6. Critically interpret literary works considering the relationships between different fields of literature and its relation to human, artistic and social areas.
7. 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. Detect the cohesion and coherence of the different genres and identifying the factors that contribute to that cohesion and coherence, as well as its adequacy to various contexts.
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12. Identify and explaining the basic foundations of the process of literary communication in every genre and the interpretation process from questions and theoretical and/or practical activities.
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14. Place the literary texts in their corresponding genres.
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16. Summarising acquired knowledge about the origin and transformations experienced in its several fields of study.

## Content

The course is intended to be a complete and detailed description of the theatrical genre and its various forms and specific components, as well as of the various explanations and theoretical formulations that it has had over the centuries. The syllabus will carry out an in-depth study of the essential parts of a play from a semiotic perspective, but without neglecting the main theoretical explanations that have existed from Aristotle's *Poetics* to the most recent formulations. In this way, although the course is based on an eminently theoretical approach, the contents' practical application will be essential, as it can be seen in the commentaries on specific theatre plays during the last classes of the course.

### Units

Unit 1. Theatrical genre conventions.

Unit 2. Theatrical semiotics.

2.1. The plot.

2.2. The language.

2.3. The character.

2.4. The time.

2.5. The space.

Unit 3. Classic and classicist dramatic theory.

Unit 4. Modern and contemporary dramatic theory: four examples.

## Methodology

El aprendizaje de esta asignatura por parte del alumno se distribuye de la manera siguiente:

- Actividades dirigidas (30%). Clases magistrales con apoyo de TIC y debate en gran grupo.
- Actividades supervisadas (15%). Presentaciones individuales. Recensiones o trabajos de curs (individuales o en grup) a partir de una guía para su realización.
- Actividades autónomas (50%). Lectura comprensiva y crítica de textos literarios y teóricos. Realización de esquemas, mapas conceptuales y resúmenes. Realización de trabajos y comentarios de texto.
- Evaluación (5%). Comentarios de textos en el aula.

## Activities

| Title  | Hours | ECTS | Learning Outcomes |
|--|-------|------|-------------------|
| Type: Directed   |       |      |                   |
| Master classes with ICT support and debates in large groups. | 45    | 1.8  | 2, 11, 15, 13, 16 |

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| Type: Supervised   |      |     |                      |  |
| Individual presentations. Reviews or course works (individual or in group) to be realized on the basis of a guide in order to complete these works.                        | 22.5 | 0.9 | 2, 11, 15, 5, 13, 16 |  |
| Type: Autonomous   |      |     |                      |  |
| Comprehensive and critical reading of literary and theoretical texts. Realization of schemes, conceptual maps and summaries. Realization of works and commentary of texts. | 75   | 3   | 2, 11, 15, 5, 13, 16 |  |

## Assessment

The evaluation of the course will be carried out primarily through two tests: there will be a theoretical exam (with a value of 50% of the final grade) and practical exam (with a value of 40% of the final grade) on the subject taught throughout the course. Also, there will be a third test, which will consist of a review, monograph or specific exercise, with a value of 10% of the final grade, on some aspect of the compulsory reading works or topics proposed by the teacher, such as the theatrical period style, the author's poetics, the specific study of the work, the comparison of the play with some other work, the analysis of characters, staging inscribed in the text, various staging, adaptations, etc.

Only those students who have submitted at least one of the two final exams will be eligible for the re-evaluation of the subject, and only those exams that have been previously evaluated may be re-evaluated, provided that a minimum grade of 1,5 points in each exercise has been obtained.

## Assessment Activities

| Title                                | Weighting | Hours | ECTS | Learning Outcomes                                     |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------|------|---|
| Monographic work, review or exercise | 10%       | 4.5   | 0.18 | 2, 3, 1, 11, 10, 15, 14, 5, 4, 13, 12, 9, 6, 8, 7, 16 |
| Text Comment in the class            | 40%       | 1.5   | 0.06 | 2, 3, 1, 11, 10, 15, 14, 5, 4, 13, 12, 9, 6, 8, 7, 16 |
| Theory Test in the class             | 50%       | 1.5   | 0.06 | 2, 3, 1, 11, 10, 15, 14, 5, 4, 13, 12, 9, 6, 8, 7, 16 |

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