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ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code LALI-130	Course Title Introduction to Drama	ECTS Credits 6
Department Languages and Literature	Semester Fall	Prerequisites ENGL-100
Type of Course Required	Field English Literature	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 1 st	Lecturer(s) Dr Rossitsa Artemis
Mode of Delivery Distance learning	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the reading of drama in English. Through the study of representative plays the student will gain the necessary skills to critically assess drama both as literature and performance. Where appropriate, the students will have recourse to a variety of additional texts and videos of performances of the taught texts.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. demonstrate an understanding of the basic elements of drama: plot, setting, character, *denouement*, irony, humor, figures of speech, stage directions,
2. orally transmit an understanding of plays in English,
3. formulate interpretations of plays in coherent argumentative essays,
4. assess the traditions and innovations in the genre of drama,
5. apply some critical approaches to the reading of drama.

Course Contents:

1. Introduction: Views on Drama
2. Writing about Literature and Drama
3. Classic Greek tragedy. Aristotle's concept of tragedy.
4. Sophocles – *Oedipus the King* and *Antigone*
5. Realism and Naturalism: Ibsen – *A Doll's House*
6. Contemporary Drama: Williams – *The Glass Menagerie*

7. Contemporary Drama: Wolfe – *The Colored Museum*

Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Discussions with class participation

Assessment Methods:

Homework Assignment; Mid-Term Exam; Final Exam; Class Participation.

Required Textbooks:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Alice S. Landy and William R. Allen	<i>The Heath Introduction to Literature</i>	Houghton Mifflin	2000	0395980704

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Poole, A.	<i>Tragedy, A Very Short Introduction</i>	On Reserve Library		809.2512 P822
Wallis and Shepherd	<i>Studying Plays</i>	On Reserve Library		808.2 W214