



## Syllabus

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>ECTS Credits</b>
LALI-135DL	Literature Criticism	6
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Semester</b>
None	Languages & Literature	Fall
<b>Type of Course</b>	<b>Field</b>	<b>Language of Instruction</b>
Required	Literature	English
<b>Level of Course</b>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b>	<b>Year of Study</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	Dr Polina Mackay	1st
<b>Mode of Delivery</b>	<b>Work Placement</b>	<b>Corequisites</b>
Distance Learning	N/A	None

### Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to teach students how to:

- read purposefully
- plan and structure an essay on literary topics
- use evidence from primary and secondary sources to support arguments
- explore the significance of language in literature
- evaluate the impact of context and cultural circumstances (particularly historical events, ideas, trends) on literature

### Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Critically assess literary texts
2. Write literary essays
3. Plan and structure an essay on literary topics
4. Use evidence in essays to support arguments
5. Understand the significance of language in literature
6. Assess the impact of cultural circumstances on literary and essay writing

**Course Content:**

1. Introduction
2. Reading Poetry
3. The Pleasure of Reading
4. The Essay
5. The Essay – continued
6. How to write about a poem
7. How to write about a story
8. How to write about a story continued
9. How to write about a play
10. Critical approaches to literature
11. Critical Case Study: Stevenson’s *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*
12. Case study – continued

**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, forums, individual and group work.

**Assessment Methods:**

Essay, Course Participation, Final Exam

**Required Textbooks / Readings:**

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>The Norton Introduction to Literature Shorter 12<sup>th</sup> Edition</i>	Kelly J Mays	Norton	2017	9780393623574

**Recommended Textbooks / Readings:**

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Studying Literature	Hawthorn, J et al.	Bloomsbury Academic	2010	E-book