



Course Code LALI-300	Course Title 20 th -century American Literature	ECTS Credits 6
Department Languages and Literature	Semester Spring	Prerequisites LALI-221
Type of Course Required	Field Literature	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 3 rd	Lecturer(s) Dr Rossie Artemis
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- develop the student's capacity for analysis, synthesis and interpretation
- foster comprehensive general knowledge in the field of 20th century American literature;
- develop research skills appropriate to the field demonstrated in coherent essays and assignments;
- develop the student's ability to work autonomously/independently;
- foster critical reasoning as evident in interpretations of exemplary texts.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. analyse exemplary texts from 20th-century American fiction, poetry and drama
2. orally transmit an understanding of these texts in English;
3. formulate interpretations of literary texts in coherent research papers which reflect genre and thematic diversity;
4. use secondary sources as reference and a variety of critical approaches to reading;
5. identify the traditions and innovations in contemporary American literature.

Course Contents:

1. Introduction to the course
2. The Jazz Age
3. Race and Class
4. The American South

- 5. Symbolism
- 6. Postmodernism
- 7. American Ethnic Experiences
- 8. Modern poetry

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Discussions and Assignments

Assessment Methods:

Homework, Mid-term Exam, Final Exam

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Klinkowitz, J. and P. Wallace	<i>The Norton Anthology of American Literature, volume E (Literature since 1945)</i>	New York: W. W. Norton 7 th edition	2007	9780393927436
Fitzgerald, F. S.	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	London: Penguin Books	2000	9780141182636

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	Call Numbers
Hendin, J.	<i>A Concise Companion to Postwar American Literature and Culture</i>	Blackwell	2004	R810.90054 C744

