



# UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA

## ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

<b>Course Code</b> LALI-335	<b>Course Title</b> Children's literature	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 6
<b>Department</b> Languages and Literature	<b>Semester</b> Spring	<b>Prerequisites</b> LALI-235, LALI-250
<b>Type of Course</b> Required (literature concentration)	<b>Field</b> English Literature	<b>Language of Instruction</b> English
<b>Level of Course</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	<b>Year of Study</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b> Dr Polina Mackay
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> Dist. Learning	<b>Work Placement</b> N/A	<b>Co-requisites</b> None

### Objectives of the Course:

To study Children's Literature in English as a genre and to map its historical development from the early nineteenth century to the present. The course will explore the place of Children's Literature in the literary marketplace and examine the ways in which it relates to other popular genres of fiction.

### Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Evaluate traditions of, and innovations in, Children's Literature in English from the early nineteenth century to the present
2. assess Children's Literature as a genre in its own right
3. situate Children's Literature within a literary, cultural and historical context
4. analyse the place of Children's Literature in the literary marketplace
5. formulate interpretations of Children's Literature in coherent essays, assignments and research projects

### Course Contents:

1. Introduction (Understanding the role of children's literature)
2. Folklore and Literary Tales
3. *Alice in Wonderland*
4. *Peter Pan*
5. Children's Poetry (from Hillaire Belloc to Michael Rosen)
6. Adventure Stories (Arthur Ransome and Enid Blyton)
7. Contemporary Children's Literature (*Harry Potter: The Philosopher's Stone*)

**Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, Discussions with class participation
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**Assessment Methods:**

Homework Assignments; Final Exam; Class Participation.
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**Required Textbooks:**

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
J. Zipes	<i>The Norton Anthology of Children's Literature: The Traditions in English</i>	Norton	2005	0393327760

**Recommended Textbooks/Reading:**

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
M. O. Grenby	<i>Cambridge Companion to Children's Literature</i>	CUP	2009	978052186898
Heather Montgomery	<i>Children's Literature: Classic Texts and Contemporary Trends</i>	Palgrave	2009	9780230227149
Seth Lerer	<i>Children's Literature: A Reader's History from Aesop to Harry Potter</i>	University of Chicago Press	2009	9780226473017