



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
LALI-385	Literary Theory and Criticism	6
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
LALI-320	Languages and Literature	Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Required	Literature	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Prof P Stewart	3 rd
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Face to face	-	-

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Provide and introduction to, and investigation of, literary theory and criticism of the past 100 years.
- Study and assess theoretical positions with a view to applying the theory to specific works of literature and creating a greater sophistication of the student's critical thought.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. understand the core concerns and methodologies of a number of literary theories.
2. critique a number of literary theories.
3. address the issues of the formation, reception and evaluation of literary works.
4. address issues of literature's relation to history, society and power.
5. apply literary theory to specific works of literature, in the form of essays and assignments.
6. maintain a level of abstract, theoretical thought concerning literature.
7. re-assess his/her own interpretative practices within a theoretical framework.

Course Content:

1. Introduction: The rise of theory and its core concerns

2. Formalism
3. Structuralism
4. Marxism
5. New Historicism and Cultural materialism
6. Post-structuralism and Deconstruction
7. Psychoanalytical Criticism
8. Feminism

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, discussion and homework assignments

Assessment Methods:

Assignments, Participation, Final Exam

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Literary Theory: An Anthology	Julie Rivkin and Michael Ryan	Blackwell	2004	140510696

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Literary Theory: The Basics	Bertens, J.W	Routledge	2001	041535112X
Literary Theory: A Very Short Introduction	Culler, J	OUP	1997	019285383X
Twentieth Century Literary Theory	Newton, K. M.	Macmillan	1988	0333434633