Modelos de interpretación literario-cultural en los países de habla inglesa

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**NOMBRE DE LA ASIGNATURA / COURSE NAME**

Modelos de interpretación literario-cultural en los países de habla inglesa / Models of literary and cultural interpretation in English-speaking countries

**CRÉDITOS ECTS / CREDITS**

3 ECTS credits

**CARÁCTER / COURSE TYPE**

Compulsory

**CUATRIMESTRE /SEMESTER**

First semester

**REQUISITOS PREVIOS RECOMENDADOS / PREREQUISITES**

None

**OBJETIVOS / OBJECTIVES**

*Objectives specific to the contents of this course:*

- Students will get acquainted with the main Anglo-American schools of literary criticism in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.
- Students will get acquainted with the social and ideological context that has given rise to the different approaches to literary theory.
- Students will clarify concepts and methods in Anglo-American literary theory through their application to the analysis of literary and cultural texts from the Anglophone world.

**COMPETENCIAS / COMPETENCIES**

BASIC COMPETENCIES AS ESTABLISHED BY THE RD 861/2010: CB6, CB8, CB9, CB10

GENERAL COMPETENCIES OF THIS MASTER’S PROGRAMME: G01, G04, G05, G06, G08

SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES OF THIS MASTER’S PROGRAMME: E09, E11, E12, E13
SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES OF THIS COURSE:

- To be able to read any text (literary and non-literary) critically.
- To be able to argue for and against particular approaches to the analysis of culture.
- To be aware of how social circumstances affect cultural practices.
- To be conscious of our particular biases in our perception of culture.

CONTENIDOS / CONTENTS

Brief survey of the main schools of literary and cultural criticism and of their application to the analysis of literary and cultural production in the Anglophone world. This course will present a selection of critical perspectives in order to approach issues such as: the debate about the “classical heritage”, historiography and the canon; the development of the various critical schools ranging from New Criticism, Russian Formalism, Structuralism and Narratology to Post-Structuralism, Psychoanalysis, Marxist theories, Cultural Materialism, New Historicism, Feminist Criticism, Gender Studies, and more recent approaches such as Multiculturalism, Ethnocriticism, Postcolonial Studies, Diaspora and Transnationalism and, finally, Ecocriticism.

METODOLOGIA / TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Introductory talks to each school of criticism delivered by the professors.

Daily assignments for the students to present in class and debates in the group on the basis of a number of assigned readings.

Final written paper handed in by students before the deadline proposed by the professors.

This methodology aims at practising both oral and written skills, as well as enhancing both individual and collaborative work.

Debates and oral presentations will pursue the critical understanding of cultural and literary theories as well as open-mindedness and receptiveness to critical approaches different from our own. During the course students will prepare and comment on topics through the course webpage.

The final written paper has as its main objective the proper use of scholarly tools and practices: originality, correct use of bibliographical material and other sources of information, proper presentation of a written essay that follows all the structural and formal academic requirements.
ACTIVIDADES FORMATIVAS / ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

a) Total number of hours = 75
b) Class hours (maximum) = 14;
c) Virtual platform (maximum) = 10;
d) Student’s individual work = 51

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EVALUACIÓN / ASSESSMENT

1st Opportunity:

Daily assignments 30%
Participation in debates in class: 20%
Final written paper: 50%

The following aspects will be taken into account for the assessment of this course: Written and oral skills in English, capacity to articulate a hypothesis and its discussion, class attendance and participation in class.

2nd Opportunity:
Students who do not pass in the first opportunity will be able to re-sit in July (UDC, USC) or September (UVigo) —date to be agreed upon with the lecturer(s)— when they will be required to demonstrate that they have acquired the skills for each module via two types of assessment: a supervised project with the same percentage value and characteristics as in the first opportunity, plus the exercises agreed upon with the lecturer(s) as a substitute for the other activities of the module.

Exemption from attendance:

The students officially exempted from class attendance will present a final written paper that will count 100% of the final mark.

**BIBLIOGRAFÍA RECOMENDADA / RECOMMENDED BIBLIOGRAPHY**


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