



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM

# THE SHORT STORY IN ENGLISH

Coordination: ORO PIQUERAS, MARICEL

Academic year 2022-23

Subject's general information

<b>Subject name</b>	THE SHORT STORY IN ENGLISH			
<b>Code</b>	101268			
<b>Semester</b>	2nd Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
<b>Typology</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Character</b>	<b>Modality</b>
	Bachelor's Degree in English Studies	2	COMPULSORY	Attendance-based
	Double degree: Bachelor's degree in English Studies and Bachelor's degree in Applied Languages and Translation	3	COMPULSORY	Attendance-based
<b>Course number of credits (ECTS)</b>	6			
<b>Type of activity, credits, and groups</b>	<b>Activity type</b>	PRAULA		TEORIA
	<b>Number of credits</b>	3.3		2.7
	<b>Number of groups</b>	1		1
<b>Coordination</b>	ORO PIQUERAS, MARICEL			
<b>Department</b>	ENGLISH AND LINGUISTICS			
<b>Important information on data processing</b>	Consult <a href="#">this link</a> for more information.			
<b>Language</b>	English			

Teaching staff	E-mail addresses	Credits taught by teacher	Office and hour of attention
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## Subject's extra information

This subject introduces a global vision of short story in English taking into account the specific characteristics of the literary genre as well as the main representative authors in English-speaking countries. The subject intends to introduce the genre from a stylistic and rethoric point of view and contribute, in this way, to the English literature module by studying and analysing practical cases. In the subject the main traits within the genre will be introduced together with a historical and literary overview of the short story in English. Moreover, specific authors and short stories will be analysed.

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## Learning objectives

- To learn the main elements of the short story in English.
- To learn the main authors in the short story in English from the 19th century to the present days through the main literary movements.
- To learn and to use the main terms in literary criticism when analysing a short story.
- To establish an interaction between History, society and cultural and literary production.
- To search and use secondary sources in an academic context.

## Competences

### General competencies

CG2 To analyse and synthesise data related to bibliographical sources.

CG5 To demonstrate capacity for individual work.

CG16 To use terminology and techniques within the professional field.

### Specific competencies

CE10 To explain the main aspects of the short story genre through significant text within the genre, together with its historical evolution and within its literary and sociocultural context.

CE12 To identify the main trends in literary theory in English language.

CE14 To analyse the interaction among history, society and the cultural production in English language.

## Subject contents

1. Theoretical approach to the short story as a literary genre.
2. Origins of the short story in the United States.
3. Realism and naturalism in the short story in the second half of the 19th century.
4. Modernism and the short story.
5. The short story in the 20th century: *On the Edge*.
6. Creation of a short story (the sessions with creative activities will be combined with the contents of the units).

## Methodology

In this subject, lectures will be combined with practical sessions. In the practical sessions, the students will be asked to participate actively in activities focused on the analysis of the texts that will be dealt with during the classes. Group activities will be combined with discussions lead by the lecturer with the aim of helping the students to establish a dialogue between their previous knowledge and the contents dealt with in the lectures and, also, with the texts analysed in class, both the theoretical and fictional ones. Moreover, in this subject creative writing activities will be done in class with the aim of bringing the students closer to the writing techniques and resources used by the authors.

This academic year the course will be part of the Teaching Innovation Project "Nobel Prizes for Literature in English: A traveling exhibition".

## Development plan

### 1. General considerations on the Short story (6, 7 February)

- The short story as a genre

- Basic elements of analysis in a short story through two examples:

“A Perfect Day for Bananafish” by J.D. Salinger and “Mrs Fox” by Sarah Hall.

### 2. The Origins of the Short Story in the United States

13, 14 February

- "Rip Van Winkle" by Washington Irving
- "Young Goodman Brown" by Nathaniel Hawthorne

20, 21 February

- "The Cask of the Amontillado" and "The Philosophy of Composition" by Edgar Allan Poe
- "How to Tell a Story" by Mark Twain
- OPTIONAL but complementary "The Fall of the House of Usher" by E.A. Poe

### **3. Realism and Naturalism in the second part of the 19th century**

27, 28 February

- "Daisy Miller" by Henry James
- "The Country of the Blind" by H.G. Wells

### **6, 7 March "Nobel Prize for Literature in English: a travelling exhibition"**

- "The Ultimate Safari" by Nadine Gordimer
- "The Summer after the War" by Kazuo Ishiguro

**13** Poster elaboration and presentation preparation

**14** Poster presentation (two of them will be chosen to be exposed within "Nobel Prize for Literature in English: a travelling exhibition")

20 March: Revision Units 1-3

**21 March: Test 1** (Units 1-3 + Gordimer and Ishiguro)

### **4. Modernism and the Short Story**

27, 28 March

- "Kew Gardens" by Virginia Woolf (1921)
- "Good Country People" by Flannery O'Connor (1955)

### **5. The Short Story in the 20th Century: *On the Edge***

11, 17, 18 April

- "Martha, Martha" by Zadie Smith (2003)
- "The Prophet's Hair" by Salman Rushdie (1981)

- "My Lucy Friend Who Smells Like Corn" by Sandra Cisneros (2002)

24, 25 April

- "My son the Fanatic" by Hanif Kureishi (1994)

- "These are not my clothes" by Jackie Kay (2012)

9, 15, 16 May

- "The Fruit Cage" by Julian Barnes (2002)

- "Out There" by Kate Folk (2020)

10, 17, 24 May: Exhibition presentation: Presentation of exhibition in different Secondary Schools in groups.

22 May: Revision Units 4 and 5

**23 May: TEST 2** (Units 4 and 5)

**30 May Short assignment**

## Evaluation

This subject will be evaluated as described below:

28% -- Test 1 (21 MARCH)

27% -- Test 2 (23 MAY)

15% -- Poster elaboration and presentation (14 MARCH)

10% -- Exhibition presentation (10, 17, 24 MAY)

20% -- Short assignment (30 May)

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