



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM

DRAMA IN ENGLISH

Coordination: CASADO GUAL, NURIA

Academic year 2021-22

Subject's general information

Subject name	DRAMA IN ENGLISH			
Code	101271			
Semester	1st Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
Typology	Degree	Course	Character	Modality
	Bachelor's Degree in English Studies	3	COMPULSORY	Attendance-based
	Double degree: Bachelor's degree in English Studies and Bachelor's degree in Applied Languages and Translation	3	COMPULSORY	Attendance-based
Course number of credits (ECTS)	6			
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Activity type	PRAULA		TEORIA
	Number of credits	3.3		2.7
	Number of groups	1		1
Coordination	CASADO GUAL, NURIA			
Department	ENGLISH AND LINGUISTICS			
Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work	Following the in-person model of teaching and learning for this course (see section on methodology) and considering the weekly calendar for the subject, the number of hours corresponding to the course will be divided as follows: 60 hours of in-person sessions (in 2 weekly 2-hour sessions) 90 hours correspond of independent study time			
Important information on data processing	Consult this link for more information.			
Language	English			
Distribution of credits	2,7 theoretical ECTS credits 3,3 practical ECTS credits			

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

Learning objectives

The main learning objectives of this course (associated with **the learning outcomes** defined in the general subject "Literature in English" of the BA programme) are as follows:

- To be able to use tools of analysis, synthesis and management of documentary sources.
- To understand and analyze texts of different literary genres and movements in the English language
- To know the historical evolution of literary genres in English.
- To learn about theories of literary criticism in order to apply them to critical analysis
- To know and learn how to evaluate the connection theatre, society and the representation of gender

Through the specific learning objectives of this course, at the end of the course students will be able to:

- recognize the specificity of drama as a genre and its connection to the theatre
- identify the languages and units of meaning that constitute a play
- know the main dramatic genres and their connection with the context within the English-speaking world
- recognize some of the current trends which define contemporary drama in English
- develop their oral and written English as of level C1.2

Competences

The general competences that are developed in this course are:

CG2 To analyze and synthesize data of different documentary sources

CG5 To show capacity of work.

CG6 To be able to work in teams and manage interpersonal relations.

CG16 To use the terminology of the field of research

The specific competences that are developed in this course are:

CE6 To identify and promote basic research methodologies in the fields of linguistics, literature and language.

CE10 To analyze the main genres, movements and literary texts in English.

CE14 To analyze the interaction between history, society and literary production.

The cross-curricular competence that is developed in this course is:

T6 To be able to apply the gender perspective to the professional field related to this subject

Subject contents

The course consists of four modules. Each of them offers a different perspective from which drama can be studied: the theoretical perspective (1); the historical perspective (2); the critical perspective (3); and the creative perspective (4).

Module 1: Theoretical Foundations of the Genre: Drama, Theatre, Performance

Module 2: A Historical Overview of English Drama: from *Everyman* to *Top Girls*

Module 3: Themes and Forms in Contemporary Theatre in English

Module 4. Approaches to Playwriting

Methodology

This course will be taught by following an in-person model of teaching and learning, with 2-hour sessions every week.

The first three modules of the course will include brief lectures as well as practical seminar sessions in which theoretical aspects will be discussed and plays or passages of plays will be analysed.

Both theoretical and practical sessions will require reading assignments and the consideration of several topics during the students' independent study hours. Reading assignments will be specified in due time via Sakai messages sent to the students, and will correspond to sources listed in the bibliography. All the texts will be available at the library resources or bookshops or, in the case of selected passages of plays, they will also be uploaded in the section devoted to "Resources" on the virtual campus.

Modules 1, 2 and 4 will develop the course competences through the students' individual work, whereas Module 3 will allow the students to develop their capacity to work cooperatively while at the same time fulfilling the course objectives.

The fourth module of the course, devoted to playwriting, will entail entirely practical sessions that the students will have to complete in their independent study time. The course will close with a "playwriting showcase" in which students will present staged readings and performances of their best creative-writing tasks.

Some sessions may be recorded if the evolution of the pandemic leads again to a hybrid form of teaching and learning and some students cannot attend the sessions.

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Development plan

Module 1 (week 1): Theoretical Foundations of the Genre: Drama, Theatre, Performance

Introductory module in which basic concepts of theatre studies and drama criticism are presented, and the meanings and re-conceptualizations of the theatre and performance are examined. (Students will have to write a theatre review, through which part of this module will be assessed. This piece can be submitted any time during the course, with the Drama Showcase in January as final deadline).

Module 2 (weeks 2 - 7): A Historical Overview of English Drama: from *Everyman* to *Kitchen Sink Drama*

This module presents an overview of the history of English drama by focusing on plays that had a significant impact on their socio-cultural context, which correspond to a variety of dramatic genres, and which continue to be regarded as classics of their period.

- **Week 2: Medieval Drama**
- *_Everyman_*
- **Weeks 3 and 4: Elizabethan tragedies**
- Christopher Marlowe's *_The Tragic History of Dr Faustus_*
- Shakespeare's "uniqueness" and *_The Tragedy of King Lear_*
- **Week 4: Classical Comedies**
- Ben Jonson's *_Volpone_* and Aphra Behn's *_The Rover_*
- **Week 5: The Ibsenian divide**
- Oscar Wilde's *_Lady Windermere's Fan_* vs George Bernard Shaw's *Man and Superman*
- **Week 6: Symbolic vs Realistic Drama**
- Samuel Beckett's theatricality vs John Osborne's *Look Back in Anger*

Week 8: Evaluation 1 (Written exam, 2nd November 2021)

Module 3 (weeks 9-11): Themes and Forms in Contemporary Drama in English

This module presents an overview of contemporary drama in English by focusing on three different categories:

Week 9. Theatre Hits/Awarded Plays from the 1990s and 2000s (focus on themes and reception)

Week 10. Political/philosophical Plays (focus on ideas & characters)

Week 11. Experimental Drama (focus on *mise-en-scène* and performance)

In this module students will be organized in groups and will be given three lists of plays in due course,

corresponding to each of the three weeks of the module. The group will decide on which plays conform their case studies, which they will analyse together and will present to the rest of the classgroup at the end of each session. The group's presentations will be evaluated (**Evaluation 2**)

Module 4 (weeks 12-15). Approaches to Playwriting

A hands-on approach to playwriting, which will conclude with a Playwriting Showcase (22nd of December 2021) in which students will offer stage readings or performances of their best exercises (**Evaluation 3**)

January 11th: Deadline for the theatre review submission (**Evaluation 4**).

Evaluation

The evaluation of this course will consist of the following assessment activities:

Assessment 1 - Written test (end of Module 2, November 10th 2021, with re-sit exam on agreed date in 2022): 35% of final mark

Assessment 2 - Oral presentation in groups (during Module 3): 24% of final mark

Assessment 3 - Presentation of creative exercise with reflective text (end of Module 4, 12th January 2022): 25% of final mark

Assessment 4 - Theatre review (any time during the course, 12th January 2022): 16% of final mark

* The level of English in the students' written and oral performances will be taken into account for their final evaluation. The level of English required for this subject is C1.2. It is necessary for students to have fulfilled the four types of assessment in order to pass the subject.

** Any form of plagiarism detected in any form of assessment will be graded with "0" points. A document describing forms of plagiarism will be uploaded in the Resources section in Sakai.

** Students who combine their degree with a full time or part-time job that overlaps with the timetable of the course have the right to ask for alternative assessment within 5 days after the beginning of the semester. For information, please send an e-mail to academic@lletres.udl.cat or ask for information at the Faculty's office (Secretaria de la Facultat de Lletres).

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