

COURSE DESCRIPTION

COURSE DETAILS

Title (of the course): **EXPRESIONES CULTURALES CONTEMPORÁNEAS**

Code: 100561

Degree/Master: **GRADO DE ESTUDIOS INGLESES**

Year: 4

Name of the module to which it belongs: LITERATURA Y CULTURA DE LOS PAÍSES DE HABLA INGLESA

Field: LITERATURA Y CULTURA DE LOS PAÍSES DE HABLA INGLESA

Character: OBLIGATORIA

Duration: FIRST TERM

ECTS Credits: 6.0

Classroom hours: 60

Face-to-face classroom percentage: 40.0%

Study hours: 90

Online platform: <https://www.uco.es/moodle>

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PREREQUISITES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Prerequisites established in the study plan

None

Recommendations

Students enrolled in this course should have at least a B2 level in English.

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INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

	Ability for analysis and synthesis.
CB10	Ability to work in a team with interdisciplinary character.
CB11	Ability to work in an international context.
CB12	The acknowledgement of diversity and interculturality.
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CB13	Ability to self-assessment.
CB13	Ability to self-assessment.
CB14	Adaptation to new situations.
CB15	Creativity.
CB16	Knowledge of other cultures and habits.
CB17	Motivation for quality, professional ambition and entrepreneurship.
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CB18	Students must demonstrate to possess and understand knowledge in a field of study which takes place from the base of the general secondary school, and it is common to find a level that, albeit it relies on advanced text books, also includes some aspects which imply knowledge from the forefront of its field of study.
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CB19	Students must develop those necessary learning abilities to undertake subsequent studies with a high degree of autonomy.
CB2	Ability for organization and scheduling of work.
CB3	Knowledge of the foreign language (English).
CB4	Knowledge of ICT for study and research.
CB5	Students must possess the capacity to gather and interpret relevant information (usually in their field of study) in order to give opinions which include a reflection about relevant topics which are social, scientific or ethic in nature.
CB6	Students must transmit information, ideas, problems and answers to both specialised and not specialised publics.
CB7	Decision making.
CB8	Students must know how to apply their knowledge to their job or vocation in a professional manner and they must possess the competencies which are usually demonstrated by means of the elaboration and defense of arguments and the solution of problems in their field of study.
CB9	Ability for teamwork.
CE20	Ability for writing literary analysis works and critical reviews, in relation to literary texts written in English language.
CE23	Knowledge of techniques and methods to practise textual critique and editing of texts in relation to texts written in English language.
CE24	Identification, classification, explanation and assessment of the different linguistic functions concerning units, relations and processes.

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CE25	Ability for the phonetic-phonological, morph-syntactic, semantic and discursive analysis of the English language.
CE27	Participation in group learning activities: assignments, studies.
CE28	Participation in learning forums and transfer of acquired knowledge: news groups, blogs.
CE29	Analysis of the conditionings related to the use of language in situation that affect the final shape adopted by the text, in its oral and written aspect.
CE33	Ability to develop critical and autonomous thought through reading and analysis of literary texts and other cultural demonstrations in English language.
CE34	Ability to evaluate critically a consulted bibliography and frame it in a theoretical perspective.
CE35	Ability to design and elaborate formative and self learning material in relationship with disciplinary contents of the module.
CE36	Ability to find a new expressive form in literature in its amplest aspects.
CE37	Ability to relate the different literary manifestations in English language with cultural facts.
CE38	Ability for literary discussion and oral presentaiton, in English language.
CE44	Ability to summarize, organise, manipulate and transmit efficiently the knowledge acquired in the different modules.
CE45	Acceptance of other critical thought differing from the one adopted by the students.
CE51	Ability to distinguish between different theoretical/critical approaches of the same problem.
CE52	Ability to identify problems and research themes and evaluate their relevance.
CE8	Ability to respect the diversity and interculturality resulting from the exposure to different linguistic and cultural varieties related to English.
CU1	To accredit the use and proficiency of a foreign language.
CU2	To know and improve the user level in the field of ICT.
CU3	To increase the habits of an active searching for employment and the capacity of entrepreneurship.

OBJECTIVES

1. Become familiar with the academic field of Cultural Studies.
2. Study the concepts, theoretical tools and terminology necessary for the analysis of cultural forms.
3. Apply information about the historical, socio-political and economic context of contemporary culture.
4. Approach contemporary culture in English-speaking countries in wide variety of formats, such as textual, audiovisual and digital.
5. Analyze the formal, discursive and ideological features of such cultural expressions.
6. Critically connect cultural forms produced in a wide array of contexts (social, economic, ideological, or national, among others).

CONTENT

1. Theory contents

Unit 1: Introduction: towards a definition of the concept

Unit 2: *Coming to terms* with cultural studies

Unit 3: Identities and subjectivities

Unit 4: Glocal communities

Unit 5: Problematising time and space in contemporary cultures

Unit 6: Human Rights, slow justice and precarity



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2. Practical contents

Analysis of a varied, selected corpus of contemporary cultural expressions, ranging from artistic areas such as graffiti, photography, music, TV series or comics.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS RELATED TO THE CONTENT

No poverty
Good health and well-being
Quality education
Gender equality
Affordable and clean energy
Decent work and economic growth
Industry, innovation and infrastructure
Reduced inequalities
Sustainable cities and communities
Climate action
Peace, justice and strong institutions

METHODOLOGY

General clarifications on the methodology (optional)

Lessons, conducted in English, will consist of the presentation of selected cultural theories and products on the part of the lecturer so that students participate in debates and interactive activities in which they explore the different theories covered as well as how they apply into cultural products in English-speaking contexts.

This course requires thus the active involvement of students into the lessons for they will provide them with the opportunity to develop the skills and capacities necessary to carry out evaluation tasks successfully.

Methodological adaptations for part-time students and students with disabilities and special educational needs

Students **officially** enrolled as **part-time students and students with disabilities or special needs** will contact the lecturer within the first two weeks of the course to inform her of their situation. The lecturer will guarantee the access of **students with disabilities or with special educational needs** to the course through the necessary methodological and evaluative adaptations. For all cases, a specific course of action will be established depending on the nature of each particular case as long as the situation is informed early.

Face-to-face activities

Activity	Large group	Medium group	Total
<i>Debates</i>	5	-	5
<i>Group work (cooperative)</i>	-	7	7
<i>Lectures</i>	15	-	15
<i>Seminar</i>	-	8	8
<i>Text analysis</i>	10	-	10
<i>Text commentary</i>	10	-	10

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Activity	Large group	Medium group	Total
<i>Tutorials</i>	5	-	5
<i>Total hours:</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>60</i>

Off-site activities

Activity	Total
<i>Activities</i>	20
<i>Analysis</i>	20
<i>Information search</i>	20
<i>Reference search</i>	10
<i>Self-study</i>	20
<i>Total hours</i>	<i>90</i>

WORK MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS

Exercises and activities

Presentation slides

References

Clarifications

Students will have at their disposal the materials created by the lecturer for the course and employed during teaching sessions.

EVALUATION

Intended learning	Essay	Exams	Oral Presentation	Problem solving
<i>CB1</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>CB10</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>CB11</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>CB12</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>CB13</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>CB14</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>CB15</i>	X	X	X	X
<i>CB16</i>	X	X	X	X



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CB17	X	X	X	X
CB18	X	X	X	X
CB19	X	X	X	X
CB2	X	X	X	X
CB3	X	X	X	X
CB4	X	X	X	X
CB5	X	X	X	X
CB6	X	X	X	X
CB7	X	X	X	X
CB8	X	X	X	X
CB9	X	X	X	X
CE20	X	X	X	X
CE23	X	X	X	X
CE24	X	X	X	X
CE25	X	X	X	X
CE27	X	X	X	X
CE28	X	X	X	X
CE29	X	X	X	X
CE33	X	X	X	X
CE34	X	X	X	X
CE35	X	X	X	X
CE36	X	X	X	X
CE37	X	X	X	X
CE38	X	X	X	X
CE44	X	X	X	X
CE45	X	X	X	X
CE51	X	X	X	X
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CU1	X	X	X	X
CU2	X	X	X	X
CU3	X	X	X	X
Total (100%)	30%	20%	30%	20%
Minimum grade	5	5	5	5

(*)Minimum mark (out of 10) needed for the assessment tool to be weighted in the course final mark. In any case, final mark must be 5,0 or higher to pass the course.

Attendance will be assessed?:

No

General clarifications on instruments for evaluation:

The **minimum score** that students need to achieve **in each evaluation tool** to pass the course **is 5** (out of 10) and the sum of these must be minimum 5 (out of 10). The **period of validity** for partial qualifications **is until September 2022. Attendance is compulsory**, either physical or online.

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Clarifications on the methodology for part-time students and students with disabilities and special educational needs:

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Clarifications on the evaluation of the first extraordinary call and extra-ordinary call for completion studies:

After January and February calls, any extraordinary call will follow the following requirements:

- students will not be able to resit **Problem Solving** activities, since they will **only be available temporarily** from September to December 2022.
- students can (re)sit the tools **essay** (30%), **questionnaires** (20%) and **oral presentation** (30%).
- the sum of all the marks obtained in all four major evaluation tools must be 5 out of 10 in order to pass the course.
- marks obtained in the evaluation tools will be valid up until September 2022. After that date, students will have to sit all evaluation tools anew with new topics.

Qualifying criteria for obtaining honors:

Honors will be given to 5% of the students with the highest grades (with a minimum of 9+ in all the graded fields), according to UCO regulations.

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COORDINATION CRITERIA

Common evaluation criteria

Tasks deadlines

The methodological strategies and the evaluation system contemplated in this Course Description will be adapted according to the needs presented by students with disabilities and special educational needs in the cases that are required.

CONTINGENCY PLAN: CASE SCENARIO A

Case scenario A will correspond to a diminished on-site academic activity due to social distancing measures affecting the permitted capacity of classrooms.



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METHODOLOGY

General clarifications on the methodology on case scenario A

A multimodal (hybrid) teaching system will be adopted, combining both on-site and remote classes via videoconference (synchronous) that will be held in the timetable approved by the corresponding Faculty or School. The time distribution of teaching activities (both on-site and remote) will be decided by the aforementioned Faculties and Schools bearing in mind the permitted capacity of classrooms and social distancing measures as established at that time.

EVALUATION

Intended learnig	Essay	Exams	Oral Presentation	Problem solving
CB1	X	X	X	X
CB10	X	X	X	X
CB11	X	X	X	X
CB12	X	X	X	X
CB13	X	X	X	X
CB14	X	X	X	X
CB15	X	X	X	X
CB16	X	X	X	X
CB17	X	X	X	X
CB18	X	X	X	X
CB19	X	X	X	X
CB2	X	X	X	X
CB3	X	X	X	X
CB4	X	X	X	X
CB5	X	X	X	X
CB6	X	X	X	X
CB7	X	X	X	X
CB8	X	X	X	X
CB9	X	X	X	X
CE20	X	X	X	X

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CE23	X	X	X	X
CE24	X	X	X	X
CE25	X	X	X	X
CE27	X	X	X	X
CE28	X	X	X	X
CE29	X	X	X	X
CE33	X	X	X	X
CE34	X	X	X	X
CE35	X	X	X	X
CE36	X	X	X	X
CE37	X	X	X	X
CE38	X	X	X	X
CE44	X	X	X	X
CE45	X	X	X	X
CE51	X	X	X	X
CE52	X	X	X	X
CE8	X	X	X	X
CU1	X	X	X	X
CU2	X	X	X	X
CU3	X	X	X	X
Total (100%)	30%	20%	30%	20%
Minimum grade	4	4	4	4

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Attendance will be assessed (Scenario A)?:

No

General clarifications on instruments for evaluation (Scenario A):

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CONTINGENCY PLAN: CASE SCENARIO B

Case scenario B will bring about a suspension of all on-site academic activities as a consequence of health measures.

METHODOLOGY

General clarifications on the methodology on case scenario B

On-site teaching activities will be held via videoconference (synchronous) in the timetable approved by the corresponding Faculty or School. Alternative activities will be proposed for reduced groups in order to guarantee the acquisition of course competences.



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CB1	X	X	X	X
CB10	X	X	X	X
CB11	X	X	X	X
CB12	X	X	X	X
CB13	X	X	X	X
CB14	X	X	X	X
CB15	X	X	X	X
CB16	X	X	X	X
CB17	X	X	X	X
CB18	X	X	X	X
CB19	X	X	X	X
CB2	X	X	X	X
CB3	X	X	X	X
CB4	X	X	X	X
CB5	X	X	X	X
CB6	X	X	X	X
CB7	X	X	X	X
CB8	X	X	X	X
CB9	X	X	X	X
CE20	X	X	X	X
CE23	X	X	X	X
CE24	X	X	X	X
CE25	X	X	X	X
CE27	X	X	X	X
CE28	X	X	X	X
CE29	X	X	X	X
CE33	X	X	X	X
CE34	X	X	X	X

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Intended learnig	Essay	Exams	Oral Presentation	Problem solving
CE35	X	X	X	X
CE36	X	X	X	X
CE37	X	X	X	X
CE38	X	X	X	X
CE44	X	X	X	X
CE45	X	X	X	X
CE51	X	X	X	X
CE52	X	X	X	X
CE8	X	X	X	X
CU1	X	X	X	X
CU2	X	X	X	X
CU3	X	X	X	X
Total (100%)	30%	20%	30%	20%
Minimum grade	4	4	4	4

(*)Minimum mark (out of 10) needed for the assessment tool to be weighted in the course final mark. In any case, final mark must be 5,0 or higher to pass the course.

Moodle Tools	Ensayo	Exposición oral	Exámenes	Resolución de problemas
Cuestionario			X	
Encuestas y encuesta predefinida			X	
Foro				X
Pruebas simultáneas por videoconferencia		X		
Tarea	X			X
Videoconferencia		X		X

Attendance will be assessed (Scenario B)?:

No

COURSE DESCRIPTION

General clarifications on instruments for evaluation (Scenario B):

The **minimum score** that students need to achieve in each evaluation tool to pass the course is 4 (out of 10), whereas the sum of these must be minimum 5 (out of 10). The **period of validity** for partial qualifications **is until September 2022**. **Attendance is compulsory**, either physical or online.

Students will have to carry out **four major evaluation activities**:

1) ESSAY (30%): they will have to hand in a 2000-word essay (including references and notes) via Turnitin on a topic selected among those proposed by the lecturer. This essay will analyze a specific cultural product according to one or several theoretical approaches dealt with in the course.

2) EXAMS (20%): they will have to sit a questionnaire for each of the units in the course that will be carried out through Moodle. These will be available immediately after each unit is over. Students will sit questionnaires repeatedly until they answer successfully to all the questions. The objective of these questionnaires is simply to provide students with a tool for steady self-study in preparation for the other evaluation tools.

3) ORAL PRESENTATION (30%): they will have to prepare a poster in groups of 3-4 students and present it orally. The poster will have to comply with the instructions provided by the lecturer about both format and content. Information about poster structure and format will be available in Moodle and explained in class. The oral presentations will either be face-to-face or recorded, depending on the methodological decision of the lecturer and the health scenario. The poster will add up to maximum 10% (same mark for every group member) whereas the oral presentation will be assessed individually up to the remaining 20%.

4) PROBLEM SOLVING (20%): they will have to participate in the activities and challenges proposed in Moodle, mainly through Forums. Those activities **will only be temporarily available** and therefore they must be completed within the timeframe proposed. Not only participation but also the depth and maturity of their contributions will be assessed.

A NOTE ON PLAGIARISM: no type of plagiarism or academic misconduct will be allowed. Students who incur in such behavior will fail the course automatically in the next official call (January, February, September and so on). This also constitutes a criminal action that will lead to legal and academic consequences for students.

The lecturer **will not accept any type of electronic submission to her email address**. **Additional assignments or tasks** not specified in this syllabus **will not be accepted** under any circumstance.

Students enrolled in this course for the **second (or n-th) time** will have to perform the **same evaluation tools** and in the same conditions as the rest of students.

Clarifications on the methodology for part-time students and students with disabilities and special educational needs (Scenario B):

Evaluation and assessment activities will be modified if the lecturer considers that this is necessary for **part-time students and those students with disabilities or special education needs**. This will only be possible if students inform the lecturer within the first two weeks of the course.