

COURSE DESCRIPTION

COURSE DETAILS

Title (of the course): **LITERATURA POPULAR EN LENGUA INGLESA**

Code: 100573

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

Year: 2

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

Field: LITERATURA EN LENGUA INGLESA

Character: OPTATIVA

Duration: FIRST TERM

ECTS Credits: 6.0

Classroom hours: 60

Face-to-face classroom percentage: 40.0%

Study hours: 90

Online platform: moodle

LECTURER INFORMATION

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PREREQUISITES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Prerequisites established in the study plan

None

Recommendations

None specified

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INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

CB1	Ability for analysis and synthesis.
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.
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.
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.
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.
CB19	Students must develop those necessary learning abilities to undertake subsequent studies with a high degree of autonomy.
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.
CE12	Analysis, commentary and explanation of the texts in English from different registers, types, genres and historical periods.
CE13	Command of oral and written academic English as well as the development of techniques of academic work. Ability to argue and express abstract concepts, assumptions and relationships in academic essays.
CE17	Ability for the search and analysis of documentary and textual information in relation to literature and other cultural manifestations in English language; use of bibliographical databases.
CE18	Ability to apply necessary analytic techniques for comprehension and critical readings of literary texts in English language.
CE20	Ability for writing literary analysis works and critical reviews, in relation to literary texts written in English language.

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CE21	Ability for the realisation of analysis works of other cultural manifestations in English language
CE22	Ability to analyse literary and non literary texts from a comparative perspective, both in different expressive forms and between different languages, taking as starting point English language.
CE23	Knowledge of techniques and methods to practise textual critique and editing of texts in relation to texts written in 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 aquired 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.

OBJECTIVES

This course examines popular literature with a focus on gothic, terror and horror literature in English, as well as on speculative fiction seeking to reach the following learning outcomes:

- To analyze the historical, social and political dynamics which foster the development of popular culture.
- To identify a specific theme manifested in popular culture.
- To discuss ways the popular genre affects the target audiences within that public, reflects the concerns and prejudices of its own time, and impacts the development of mainstream literature.
- To get familiar with key theoretical concepts informing the gothic as a popular genre.
- To be able to identify typical traits (motifs, topics, settings, characters, narrative strategies) of gothic fiction in the texts proposed for analysis and as they evolve throughout time according to historical, social and power dynamics.
- To become familiar with the speculative mode in fiction (aims, characters, topics, motifs, strategies) and try to understand its wide appeal nowadays.

CONTENT

1. Theory contents

Unit 1. Introduction to Popular Literature

Unit 2. Gothic Literature

Unit 3. Spectulative fiction and the dystopian genre



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2. Practical contents

The course examines a wide range of extracts and texts within genre fiction, mainly gothic terror and horror, and speculative fiction.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS RELATED TO THE CONTENT

Gender equality
Climate action
Life on land
Peace, justice and strong institutions

METHODOLOGY

General clarifications on the methodology (optional)

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

Part-time students are required to hand out the same amount of work as the rest of students, though attendance is not compulsory as the work can be uploaded to moodle.

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. If that is your case, please, contact the "Unidad de Atención a la diversidad de la UCO", so the necessary methodological adaptations can be made in advance. It is also advisable to inform your lecturer of the situation as soon as possible.

Face-to-face activities

Activity	Large group	Medium group	Total
<i>Group work (cooperative)</i>	-	6	6
<i>Lectures</i>	25	-	25
<i>Text commentary</i>	20	9	29
Total hours:	45	15	60

Off-site activities

Activity	Total
<i>Analysis</i>	25
<i>Group work</i>	5

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Activity	Total
Information search	15
Reading	35
Self-study	10
Total hours	90

WORK MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS

Exercises and activities
Moodle platform - *uco.moodle*
Oral presentations
References

Clarifications

All learning resources and materials will be available either in moodle and/or the UCO Library

EVALUATION

Intended learning	Exams	Project	Text commentary
CB1	X	X	X
CB10		X	
CB11	X		X
CB12		X	X
CB13			X
CB14	X		X
CB15		X	X
CB16	X	X	X
CB17		X	X
CB18			X
CB19	X		
CB2		X	X
CB3	X		X
CB4		X	
CB5	X		X

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Intended learning	Exams	Project	Text commentary
CB6			X
CB7	X	X	
CB8	X	X	
CB9	X	X	
CE12		X	X
CE13	X		X
CE17	X		
CE18			X
CE20	X	X	
CE21		X	X
CE22		X	X
CE23			X
CE27	X	X	
CE28	X	X	
CE29	X		X
CE33	X		X
CE34	X	X	
CE35		X	X
CE36		X	X
CE37	X		X
CE38	X	X	
CE44		X	X
CE45		X	X
CE51	X		X
CE52		X	X
CU1		X	X
CU2	X	X	
CU3	X	X	
Total (100%)	50%	30%	20%
Minimum grade	5	5	5

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(*)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:

Students need to pass all the sections text commentary, exam and project (group work)

Students will fail the whole course in case of plagiarism in their project.

Students will be evaluated in January and February according to this criteria.

Attendance is compulsory so it is not graded.

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

Part-time students will do the same amount of work and for the text commentaries discussed in class and project part-time students will be required to upload reading reports in moodle.

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

Students in the 2nd or the nth enrollment must pass a written exam, which will be 100% of the final grade. The exam will include a section on theoretical contents and another on text commentary.

Qualifying criteria for obtaining honors:

A minimum grade of 9.5, plus active engagement in class activities.

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2. Further reading

COORDINATION CRITERIA

Common evaluation criteria

Common skills

Joint activities: lectures, seminars, visits ...

Tasks deadlines

Tasks performance



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SCHEDULE

Period	Group work (cooperative)	Lectures	Text commentary
1# Fortnight	0,0	5,0	3,0
2# Fortnight	1,0	4,0	4,0
3# Fortnight	0,0	4,0	4,0
4# Fortnight	0,0	4,0	5,0
5# Fortnight	1,0	4,0	4,0
6# Fortnight	0,0	4,0	5,0
7# Fortnight	4,0	0,0	4,0
Total hours:	6,0	25,0	29,0

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