

Programme Title: ENGLISH (Honours)

(w.e.f. 2017-2018)

Programme Degree: B.A. (Hons.) in English

Programme Objectives:

- 1. To train students to analyze, appreciate, understand and critically engage with literary texts written in English or available in English translation, approached from various perspectives and with an awareness of the locations of production and reception
- 2. To cultivate language proficiency of students, the ability to communicate with clarity and confidence at different levels, as also familiarize students with the self-reflexive literary deviance of language and initiate them in current literary, discursive practices and developments in English Studies and English Studies in India
- 3. To introduce students to the rainbow palette of the English literary curricula, ranging from its Anglo-centric beginnings to the more recent shifts to new literatures e.g., Third World Literature, Commonwealth literature, American, Australian, African Literature and of course, Indian Literature in English and Bhasha literatures in English translation
- 4. To enhance the employability of students across diverse sectors in government organizations and corporate set-ups and spaces global, national, regional and local
- 5. To develop clarity of thought and articulation in students as well as the skills of critical enquiry and analysis of texts literary, cultural, multi-medial
- 6. To promote students' creative and analytical faculties in thinking, reading and writing, including imaginative writing
- 7. To prepare the learners to continue academic study at a higher level
- 8. To inculcate human values such as inclusion, empathy, the ability to engage with difference or varied viewpoints, and trans-orientation
- 9. To hone the power of reception, reflexive thinking, questioning, articulation, creating-curating arguments and well-researched persuasive presentation of one's views

Programme Specific Outcomes:

- 1. In-depth and specialized disciplinary knowledge of English Studies its canons and emergent possibilities and a critical, historical understanding of the development of the discipline, with the ability to identify, speak and write about different literary genres, forms, periods and movements
- 2. Ability to read, analyze texts and traditions closely and critically when mapped against their sociohistorical, economic, political and cultural contexts, with focus on themes, generic conventions, literary history and linguistic and stylistic variations, innovations
- 3. Ability to come up with situated readings and creative-critical thinking around texts in terms of one's location in the immediate and global contexts, along with the ability to share the results of one's academic and disciplinary learning in formats such as essays, notes, presentations etc. across varied platforms of communication, including the classroom and the internet



- 4. Skills to identify, systematically analyze and engage with extant scholarship and diverse resources and tools, including digital knowledge platforms, in order to explore a domain and present one's critical position and informed views in the area
- 5. Inculcate effective communication skills i.e., the ability to speak and write clearly and present one's contentions in standard, academic English
- 6. Ability to problematize, formulate hypothesis and research questions
- 7. To inculcate values moral, ethical, literary and humane and the ability for self-questioning, as also to decode/interpret values represented in literary texts and criticism vis-à-vis the environment, religion and spirituality, and structures of power
- 8. Development of problem-solving skills and analytical reasoning
- 9. Ability to understand, appreciate, analyze and apply various literary-critical concepts and categories within a theoretical framework
- 10. To ensure global competitiveness as also professional mobility among students, with a penchant for engagement with pluralities
- 11. To understand the world, be able to think and articulate critically and clearly on the local and the global through a reading of literatures in translation and in the original, as a located Indian citizen of the world

Programme Career Opportunities:

- 1. Scope of English Studies in career avenues across diverse fields such as professional writing, teaching English at multiple levels, publishing, translation, communication, journalism, mass media, soft skills and other allied fields in service and hospitality sectors
- 2. Skilled to be employed in the fields of Editing, Content Writing etc. for advertising/marketing agencies and Media reporting in case of electronic and print media and news portals
- 3. Eligibility for Government (both Central and State) jobs as IAS, IPS, and WBCS officers
- 4. Eligibility for employment in multiple Government sectors through UPSC, SSC and PSC examinations
- 5. Eligible for the B.Ed. Course in order to be employed as teachers in Secondary and Higher Secondary schools
- 6. Employment opportunities in Banks and Financial sector
- 7. Scope to pursue higher studies and research interests in literary and culture studies as well as interdisciplinary domains
- 8. Burgeoning opportunities in all professions that require creative/analytical/linguistic/translational skills in the contemporary global context
- 9. Trained to enter the field of entrepreneurship, including as web content creators and social influencers, and equipped to initiate and nurture the many modes of entrepreneurial ventures in spaces physical and digital

SEMESTER - I

Course Title (Core Course): British Poetry and Drama:

From Old English Period to 17th Century

Course Code: UG-ENG- 101/C-1

Course Content:

1. Geoffrey Chaucer: "Prologue" to The Nun's Priest's Tale

Edmund Spenser: Sonnet No. LXXV ("One day I wrote her name...")

John Donne: "The Sunne Rising"

William Shakespeare: Sonnet nos. 65 & 118.

2. William Shakespeare: Macbeth.

William Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream.

3. History of English Literature (from Old English Period to Elizabethan Age)

Course Objectives:

- To introduce the students to the formative phases of English literature and its gradual development from 14th up to the early 17th centuries in terms of genre, forms, themes etc.
- To cultivate an understanding and engagement with Renaissance Humanism that provides a basis for the texts suggested
- To develop basic literary aptitude and critical faculties to appreciate and analyse literary texts of different kinds

- Familiarity with the early stages of the literary history of England from the Old English up to the Elizabethan Period.
- Students learn tools and skills required to undertake a close literary-critical exegesis
 of the prescribed poems, plays and related concepts of the Renaissance and
 Elizabethan England, when mapped against their historical and socio-political
 contexts.
- The course would kindle research interest among interested students regarding the resonance and adaptive possibilities of those texts in the present day and age.



SEMESTER - I

Course Title (Core Course): British Poetry and Drama:

17th and 18th Centuries

Course Code: UG-ENG- 102/C-2

Course Content:

1. John Milton: Paradise Lost: Book 1

Alexander Pope: The Rape of the Lock (Cantos 1 and 2)

2. Oliver Goldsmith: She Stoops to Conquer

- 3. History of English Literature from Jacobean to Restoration Period
- 4. Rhetoric and Prosody (also for Internals)

Course Objectives:

- To enable students to demonstrate in-depth knowledge and understanding of the religious, socio- political and intellectual-cultural thoughts of the 17th and 18th centuries in Europe
- To examine critically key themes in representative texts of the period, including Sin, Transgression, Love, Pride, revenge, sexuality, human follies, among others
- To demonstrate the students' appreciation of texts in terms of plot-construction, sociohistorical contexts and the genres of poetry and drama
- To analyze literary devices, forms and techniques in currency in literary texts of the period

Course Outcomes:

- To familiarize students with the Restoration and Jacobean periods and their global legacies and afterlives
- To train students in close literary-textual exegesis of British literary texts composed during the Restoration and Jacobean periods against their socio-cultural, historical and economic contexts
- To cultivate a comparative transnational perspective in the analysis of 17th and 18th century British texts as a located Indian student of the British canon

SEMESTER- I

Course Title (Generic Elective): Academic Writing and Composition





UG-ENG-103/GE-1

Course Content: (Any Four)

- 1. Introduction to the Writing Process
- 2. Parts of Speech and their Uses
- 3. Phrases and Clauses
- 4. Types of Sentences
- 5. Writing in one's own words: Summarizing and Paraphrasing
- 6. Critical Thinking: Syntheses, Analyses, and Evaluation

Course Objectives:

- To enable students to convey their ideas in English using simple and lucid English in writing
- To learn techniques to plan and write in a systematic manner
- To be skilled in different kinds of academic writing and compositions including classroom notes, reports, exploratory and descriptive paragraphs etc.
- To acquire the knowledge of different aspects of English grammar and syntax
- To develop the skill of summarizing and paraphrasing in one's own words
- To attain critical thinking skills and learn principles of analysis, synthesis and evaluation

- The different units of the syllabus introduce students to the writing process, several aspects of English grammar and composition, syntax, summarizing and paraphrasing and the concepts of critical thinking.
- This course is designed to develop the ability to write clearly in standard, acceptable, academic English.
- Learners become familiar with the different stages and components of academic writing.
- Summarizing and paraphrasing are very important components which help the learners to write independently in their own words. Both are necessary to write a good review, whether of a book or a movie.
- The course intends to enable students to write a report on an academic or cultural event that takes place in a college or university for a journal or newspaper
- The course enhances students' skills to critically appreciate a piece of writing and it



cultivates the critical aptitude and reflexive thinking needed to systematically analyze a text.

SEMESTER-II

Course Title (Core Course): British Literature: 18th Century

Course Code: UG-ENG- 201/C-3

Course Content:

1. Jonathan Swift: Gulliver's Travels (Books III & IV)

2. Samuel Johnson: "London"

Thomas Gray: "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"

3. History of English Literature: 18th century

Course Objectives:

- To familiarise students to the coming of Enlightenment, modernity, print cultures, Romantic sensibilities across Europe and explore its literary-political, social and economic implications locally and globally, for Britain and its empire
- To train students in close literary-critical exegesis of the prescribed eighteenth century British texts when mapped against their socio-economic, political and cultural contexts
- The section on history of English literature highlighting the eighteenth century in terms of socio-political movements in Britain and the corresponding literary-critical moments in British-Irish literature enables students to trace the historical development of forms like Restoration Comedy, anti-sentimental drama and satire, while they learn to appreciate and analyze the obsession with, formal variations of Classicism during the period.

- Students are trained to explore the emergence of new genres such as the novel, the periodical essay, gothic narratives, children's writing, sentimental and antisentimental literature, travel narratives, life narratives etc. during the period. They learn to map the relationship between the formal and the political in the literature of this period.
- The course sensitizes students to the afterlives, legacies and continuing global resonance of politics, literature and science as cultivated and institutionalised



during the eighteenth century, the age of Enlightenment and Empire across Europe including England.

• The emergent literary genres in eighteenth century British literature were composed at a cusp, in engagement with technological innovations, the oral-literate dynamic, and cross- cultural concerns (as a result of imperial expansions). The course cultivates in students the cross-cultural, comprarative perspective needed for newer and more complex modes of reader-response in revisiting the eighteenth century in British literature today.

SEMESTER- II

Course Title (Core Course): Indian Classical Literature

Course Code: UG-ENG- 202/C-4

Course Content:

1. Kalidasa: Abhijnanasakuntalam,

2. Vyasa: "The Dicing"

"The Temptation of Karna"

3. Indian Epic Tradition [*The Ramayana*, *The Mahabharata*, Kalidasa's *Raghuvamsa* and *Kumarsambhava*; Epic Tradition in Bengal (Sri Aurobindo, Madhusudan Dutt); Short Epic Tradition (Khanda-Kavya such as Kirtana, Oja Pali, Pandavani, Kuttu etc), Different types of Indian Epics]

Alamkara and Rasa

Course Objectives:

- To cultivate in students an awareness of the economic, socio-political and cultural contexts of the age that produced Indian classical literature and its theories of aesthetics, ethics and epistemology from the early beginning till 1100 AD
- To historically situate the diverse classical Indian literatures composed in Sanskrit, Tamil, Prakrit, Pali with focus on major texts in principle genres, especially the epic tradition
- To train the students in close literary-critical readings of the texts in order to appreciate the pluralistic and inclusive attributes of Indian classical literature
- To enable the students to develop a comparative trans-temporal perspective between canonical literary texts composed in the Western and Indian schools of thought, art, ethics and aesthetics



- The course makes students familiar with Indian aesthetic, ethical and literary-critical traditions, and the tools of cross-cultural aesthetics. It helps them understand, analyze and appreciate various texts with a comparative perspective.
- Students of English literature in Indian classrooms gain a first-hand acquaintance of classical
 Indic texts like Kalidasa's Abhijnanasakuntalam, the Mahabharata and the Indian Epic
 Tradition in translation. It roots them in an awareness of the Indic aesthetic and critical
 prisms while connecting to global literatures in English/ English translation, thereby enabling
 them to unlearn the processes of epistemic colonization.
- This opening course in the English (Hons.) syllabus enables students to trace the evolution
 of diverse literary cultures in India in their contexts and explore issues of genres, themes and
 critical debates, thereby grounding the students in the ethics of translation, comparison and
 an India-perfumed glocal (global-local) prism. It could kindle research interest in a
 comparative perspective on Indian classical literature among students of English literature in
 Indian classrooms.

SEMESTER-II

Course Title (Generic Elective): Nation, Culture and India UG-ENG-203/GE-2

Course Contents:

- 1. Amartya Sen: "Secularism and its Discontents" (from *The Argumentative Indian*)
- 2. Rabindranath Tagore: "Nationalism and India" (from *Nationalism*)
- 3. Sri Aurobindo: "The Renaissance in India" (from *The Renaissance in India and Other Esssays*)

Course Objectives:

- The objective is to make the learners cultivate an awareness of the Indian sociohistorical milieu as explored by Indian thinkers and make them appreciate the deep diversity of Indian culture and its traditionally non-exclusive social fabric.
- To introduce students to the debates and discourse around nationing and civilization in the context of India and the attempts to salvage the subaltern within that framework

Course Outcome:

• Through a literary-critical reading of the prescribed texts in this paper, students acquire a close familiarity with reflections on the idea and realities of India – as nation and civilization –as represented by seminal thinkers from the land.



- The course enables them to develop a cross-cultural, comparative perspective on debates around nation, renaissance, revolution and exclusion across space and tense.
- It introduces students to the possibilities of Indian writing in English and Indian writing in English Translation, a domain seething with fresh emergence.

SEMESTER- III

Course Title (Core Course): British Romantic Literature

Course Code: UG-ENG- 301/C-5

Course Content:

1. William Blake: "The Lamb", "The Tyger"

William Wordsworth: "Tintern Abbey" or "Ode to Immortality"

Samuel Taylor Coleridge: "Kubla Khan"

2. Lord Byron: "Childe Harold': Canto III, verses 36–45 (lines 316–405)

Percy Bysshe Shelley: "Ode to the West Wind", "Ozymandias"

John Keats: "To Autumn", "Four Seasons"

Mary Shelley: Frankenstein

3. History of English Literature: Romantic Period

Course Objectives:

- To cultivate in students an understanding of Romanticism as a concept and movement conceived in layered engagement with ancillary concepts like Classicism
- To train students in close literary-critical exegesis of select canonical and representative poems and prose of British Literature composed during the Romantic period, as mapped against their socio-political, economic and historical contexts.
- To introduce students to salient features of literature of the period and map the links between the formal such as the focus on the autobiographical and fragmentary and the socio-political.
- To enable students to analyse and engage with the Romantic period in British literature as a pan- European phenomenon co-eval with the German and French socio-political and literary movements during the period, in terms of social, philosophical, intellectual, political and literary influences

The poems and prose pieces included in the course enable the learners to appreciate and

analyze the literary and socio-cultural sensibilities of the time focussed on themes of the

common man, equality, freedom, sense of community and fraternity while being in

complex engagement with the global phenomena of European imperialism and

industrialisation.

Students are trained to critically analyse and interpret the prescribed poems with

reference to the theme, language, style and elements of prosody, as also read Romantic

literary texts using contemporaneously created art across multiple media, e.g. painting,

as crucial co-texts.

Students are sentisized to the legacies, afterlives and contemporary resonances of the

Romantic movement as reflected in British romantic literature, especially for a student in

an Indian English classroom. They are encouraged to explore the Romantic texts from

post-colonial, comparative and feminist perspectives to gather fresh readings and

research interests tailored to our age and space.

SEMESTER- III

Course Title (Core Course): British Literature: 19th Century

Course Code: UG-ENG- 302/C-6

Course Content:

1. Jane Austen: Pride and Prejudice

Charles Dickens: Hard Times

2. Alfred Tennyson: "The Lady of Shalott", "Ulysses"

Robert Browning: "My Last Duchess", "The Last Ride Together"

3. History of English Literature: Victorian Period

Course Objectives:

To train students in close literary-critical analysis and interpretation of representative texts

of 19th century British literature, across multiple genres in poetry and prose, when mapped

against their socio-cultural, politico-ethical, historical and economic contexts

• To identify and situate the issues and relevant debates and discourses on class, race,

sexuality, gender and the impact of industrialization as reflected and reflected on in a range

of 19th century, Victorian British texts

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To gain familiarity with the major themes and characteristics of British literature composed

during the period, such as the alleged tension between self and society

To interpret and analyze the works of major poets of the period including Tennyson,

Browning, Rossetti in terms of theme, style, language and prosody

To engage with the rise of the novel during this age and learn to connect the formal to the

economic and political, in terms of the expansion of colonialism and capitalism and

ideological-intellectual responses to the same

Course Outcomes:

• To understand and analyse the transition from Romantic to Victorian in terms of literature,

culture and historical and socio-political contexts

• Different units of the course comprise novels by Jane Austen and Charles Dickens, poems

by Tennyson, Browning, Rossetti and the history of English Literature of the Victorian Period.

The literary texts prescribed in the syllabus engage with concerns as diverse as industrial

conflict, urbanization, crime, detection and horror, life-writing, scientific and technological

speculation, women's issues, children's issues, experiments in education, spiritual and

paranormal research, fantasy and nonsense. As an outcome, the course enables students to

explore the complex churn of literary and political cross-currents of this complex age.

To link the Victorian temper, issues and debates to political and economic contexts in English

colonies

The course aims to kindle research interest in the period, especially when viewed from a

comparative, cross-cultural perspective by a consciously located Indian student of British

literature

To understand the legacies and thriving resonance of the Victorian period and literature

across spaces and tenses, especially in the context of the neo-/colonial contemporary.

The learners will develop analytical and creative skills to come up with fresh insightful

articles comparing the literary canon and contexts of 19th century British literature with the

literary, formal and socio-political movements and experiments it inspired in post-/colonial

spaces, especially India during the colonial and post-colonial periods.

SEMESTER- III

Course Title (Core Course): Indian Writing in English

Course Code: UG-ENG-303/C-7

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Course Content:

1. R.K. Narayan: Swami and Friends

2. H.L.V. Derozio: "Freedom to the Slave", "The Orphan Girl"

Kamala Das: "My Grandmother's House", "Introduction"

Nissim Ezekiel: "The Night of the Scorpion", "Enterprise"

3. Mulk Raj Anand: "Two Lady Rams"

Salman Rushdie: "The Free Radio"

Course Objectives:

- To enable students to appreciate the historical, political, cultural and social trajectories of various genres of Indian Writing in English from colonial times till the present
- To trace the role of Indian writing in English and in English translation within the nationing project
- To train students to identify, analyse and appreciate the thematic concerns, genres and trends of Indian Writing in English in terms of colonialism/postcolonialism, regionalism and nationalism
- To introduce students to the works of some of the iconic figures in Indian Literature in English through close critical exegesis of select literary texts from the pre and post -independence periods, as mapped against their socio-historical contexts.
- To critically appreciate the creative use of the English language in Indian Writing in English with its literary traditions and experiments in form, theme and language forged in translational continuum with the regional bhashas

- The course introduces the students to canonical authors in the genre like R.K. Narayan, H.L.V. Derozio, Kamala Das, Nissim Ezekiel, Mulk Raj Anand and Salman Rushdie, among others. Students will learn to read the cross-cultural transfusions – both regional and international – in Indian writings in English.
- On completing the course learners will grow familiar with the growth, development and emerging trends of this vibrant domain of Indian Literature.
- They will have the ability to appreciate and trace diverse influences in the growth and development of various genres of Indian Writing in English from colonial times till the present.
- After completing the course learners will learn to explore Indian Writing in English from postcolonial, locationally aware perspectives.
- The course will kindle research interest among interested students in reading Indian Writing in



English from a comparative, cross-cultural perspective, both in collusion-collision with bhasha literatures and transatlantic literary-political movements

SEMESTER- III

Course Title (Generic Elective): Contemporary India: Women and Empowerment

Course Code: UG-ENG- 304/GE-3

Course Content:

1. Concepts:

Social Construction of Gender

Masculinity and Femininity

Patriarchy

Social Constructionism

2. History of Women's Movements in India (Pre-independence, post-independence)

Women, Nationalism, Partition

Women and Political Participation

(Radha Kumar – *The History of Doing*)

3. Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain: Sultana's Dream

Course Objectives:

- To familiarise the students with contemporary representations of women, femininities, gender-parity and power through theoretical engagements and select literary and cultural texts
- To cultivate in students an awareness of the theoretical frameworks which would enable close critical reading of the prescribed literary texts as mapped against their socio- economic and political contexts
- To help students from diverse disciplinary backgrounds understand, analyse and engage with the designs of gender discourse that underlie and shape our very lives, thus enabling them to identify and examine the socially-constructed nature of gendering across texts and disciplines
- To develop a nuanced understanding among students, through the analysis of



literary texts and critical insights gained from theoretical scholarship, as to how to perceive, read, understand, interpret and intervene ethically in debates on the subject

Course Outcomes:

• To read, understand and examine closely narratives that seek to represent women, femininities and, by extension, the very process and politics of gendering

 To identify how gendered practices influence and shape knowledge production and circulation of knowledges thus produced in creating legal, sociological, cultural, religious and scientific discourses

 To participate in questioning and revisiting gendered practices that reinforce socio- political discrimination and thereby demonstrate a gender-sensitised approach

• To kindle research interest in this interdisciplinary domain seething with emergent possibilities among students who have not majored in English literature

 To prepare students to act and transform at the cusp of fresh perspectives in literary critique, new research, policy intervention and fieldwork-based social action undertaken from the perch of gender, exclusion and disaster studies

SEMESTER- III

Course Title (Skill Enhancement Course): English Language Teaching

Course Code: UG-ENG-305/SEC-1

Course Content:

- 1. Structures of English Language:
 - a) Tenses
 - b) Clause Types (Noun Clause, Adjective Clause, Finite Clause, Non-finite Clause)
 - c) Subordination, Coordination, Embedding, Conjoining
- 2. Methods of Teaching English Language and Literature
 - a) Traditional Method / Grammar Translation Method
 - b) Communicative Language Teaching Method / Audio-Lingual Method
- 3. Writing Ability Assessment
 - a) Paragraph Writing
 - b) Letter Writing
 - c) Precis Writing
 - d) Report Writing

Course Objectives:

- To develop students' insight into the structure of English language
- To acquire knowledge of the different aspects of English grammar and syntax.
- To enable the learners develop their understanding about the rules of English grammar through use and practice of its structures.
- To be familiar with different approaches and methods of English language teaching in India
- To identify and classify strategies used by a teacher to teach the English language
- To familiarize students with the major theories of language acquisition and their application in pedagogy
- To train the students in the audio-lingual method of teaching
- To learn the principles and procedures of communicative language teaching
- To inculcate writing skills among the students and enable them write simple and grammatically correct descriptive sentences, compositions, letters, paragraphs, etc.

Course Outcomes:

- The different units of the syllabus include different aspects of the structure of the English language, methods of teaching the language and assessment of writing ability. Exposure to the grammar of English cultivates confidence in students and inculcates the skill to speak, write and communicate effectively in personal and professional spaces.
- Students will know different methods of English language Teaching in India and acquire skills in ELT. They will study principles and procedures of communicative language teaching and articulate the reasons for different types of tests the teacher administers.
- The learners will be able to develop writing skills through exercises in letter writing, paragraph writing, report writing, précis writing, etc. The course will develop the ability to verbalise and compose their thoughts logically, clearly and coherently in English.
- Students will develop communicative skills for multiple spheres enhancing their employability and opportunities across sectors, such as in academia or hospitality and service industries or such places where mass communication in English is essential. The scope remains enormous and expanding in a linguistically diverse, developing economy such as India.

SEMESTER-IV



Code: UG-ENG-401/C-8

Course Content:

1. Tennessee Williams: The Glass Menagerie

Toni Morrison: Beloved

2. F. Scott Fitzgerald: "The Crack-up" William Faulkner: "Dry September"

William Faulkner "Dry September"

Walt Whitman: Selections from *Leaves of Grass*: "O Captain, My Captain", "Passage to India"

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3. Background Prose Readings:

The American Dream, Social Realism and the American Novel

Course Objectives:

 To make the students aware of the complex diverse palette of US history, politics, racial tensions.

economics and cross-cultural influences which shape both the nation and its literature

- To offer students a first-hand acquaintance with the wide and varied literatures of America
 that emerged post white settlement in the continent since the seventeenth century, through
 training in close literary-critical reading of representative texts mapped against their sociopolitical, historical and economic contexts
- To enable the students to understand and appreciate the depth and diversity of American literature, keeping in mind the history and culture of the United States of America from the colonial period to the present, i.e. from the 17th century to the 21st century
- To critically engage with the complex nature of American society, given its journey from specific religious obligations and their literary transformations to the seeding and growth of anti- or non- Christian sensibilities

- To make the students explore the historical, religious and philosophical contexts of the American spirit in literature; social-cultural-ecological-political contexts may include, for example, the idea of democracy, Millennial Narratives, the Myth of Success, the American Adam, the Myth of the Old South, the Wild West, Melting pot, Multiculturalism, etc.
- To be able to critically appreciate the diversity of American literature in the light of regional variations in climate, histories of racial tensions, economic priorities.
- To be sensitized to the complexity of the origin and reception of American literature, given its European and non-European historical trajectories, particularly in relation to writers from European, Hispanic, African, Afro-American, American-Indian, Hispanic-American and Asian



backgrounds

- To be able to relate the Afro-American experience in the USA to issues of exclusion relevant to their locations and learning
- To analyse the American mind from global and Indian perspectives and situate the American in the contemporary world.

SEMESTER-IV

Course Title (Core Course): European Classical LiteratureCourse

Code: UG-ENG- 402/C-9

Course Content:

1. Homer: *The Iliad*, Book 1 ("Plague and Wrath")

2. Sophocles: Oedipus the King

Horace Satires I: 4, in Horace: Satires and Epistles

3. Background Prose readings:

The Epic, The Comedy and The Tragedy in Classical Drama, Catharsis and Mimesis

Course Objectives:

- To make students familiar with classical Greek and Latin literatures and explain its importance and resonance in the field of world literature.
- To historically situate classical European literary cultures in their socio-political, economic and cultural contexts
- To cultivate in students an awareness of classical literary traditions of Europe from the beginning till the 5th century CE through close literary-critical readings of the prescribed texts, along with grasping the evolution of the concepts of classic and classical in European schools of thought and its receptions across ages through translation, adaptations
- To help students to appreciate and evaluate literary texts in terms of the classical norms

- The course on European Classical Literature prepares students to understand and explore many of the ideological and aesthetic assumptions of British literature and situates the British canon and new literatures in English within and between the European linguistic/cultural traditions.
- The course also trains students in appreciating European aesthetic, epistemological, literary legacies, and enables them to appreciate cross-cultural aesthetics, developing thereby a comparative perspective.



- The course makes students familiar with different literary genres such as epic, comedy and tragedy cultivated in classical Greece and trans-created in other ages and spaces.
- Exploring the European classical texts composed across diverse genres and periods, when mapped against their contemporary contexts, could kindle research interests in the fields of classics among interested students.

SEMESTER-IV

Course Title (Core Course): Modern European DramaCourse
Code: UG-ENG- 403/C-10

Course Content:

1. Henrik Ibsen: Ghosts

2. Bertolt Brecht: The Good Woman of Szechuan

Or, Eugene Ionesco: Rhinoceros

3. Background Prose Readings: European Drama: Realism and Beyond, Tragedy and Heroism in

modern European Drama

Course Objectives:

- To provide students with an overview of the refraction, creation and performance of the condition of modernity in twentieth century European drama
- To help students engage with the dynamic relationship between actors, audience and performance space, and explore the historical process of transition in the role of the audience, from passive spectatorship to a co-creative participatory process visible in the novel experiments with form in modern European theatre
- To inform students about the socio-political and ideological movements that helped shape the debates and innovative stage practices definitive of modern European drama
- To cultivate in students depth and clarity about concepts associated with Modern European Drama

- To enable the students understand the role of theatre and drama in the introduction and architecture of mainstream modernity in metropolitan centres of thought and economy
- To be able to understand and engage with concepts like realism, naturalism, symbolism, expressionism, the Avant Garde, the epic theatre, theatre of the absurd, etc.



• To understand how meaning is created in the performance space in theatre and be able to write about innovations introduced into the theatrical practice to reflect and reflect on realities and tendencies through the late nineteenth and twentieth century Europe.

SEMESTER-IV

Course Title (Generic Elective): Language and Linguistics OR Text and Performance Course Code: UG-ENG-404/GE-4

I: Language and Linguistics

Course Content:

1. **Language:** language and communication; language varieties: standard and non- standard language; language change.

2. Phonetics:

Overview of Articulatory Phonetics
The Consonants of English

The Vowel Sounds of English

3. Phonology and Phonemic Transcription:

The Phonology of English

Transcription of consonants

Transcription of vowels

Course Objectives

- To enable students to engage with the various definitions of language
- To introduce students to the unique features of human language, the various functions a language performs and the roles assigned to it
- To train students in exploring language as a mechanism of communication
- To understand the existence of language in the form of diverse dialects based on a set of established conventions and factors
- To understand the functions of speech mechanism and be able to identify the organs of speech
- To learn the description and classification of English vowel and consonant sounds and identify stressed syllables in words and sentences
- To be familiarised with phonemic transcription



- This course introduces students to the various definitions of language as provided by linguists and scholars, the unique features of human language, the relation between language and communication, language varieties and language change. They will learn to understand and explore the many features and functions of language.
- Students will learn to engage with the use of language as a mechanism of communication.
 By using language in different forms, they will develop the ability to communicate in diverse social spaces with diverse sets of people.
- Students will be trained in the speech mechanism and sound system of English language.
 They will be able to identify and use sound symbols for consonant and vowel sounds and
 develop the skill to transcribe these in words for the purpose of correct pronunciation. They
 will get rudimentary training in English phonetics and be able to consult a dictionary for
 correct pronunciation.
- Students will understand how languages exist in a matrix of continuum, how they shift and grow in conversing, influencing and borrowing from each other, through translations in many formats, and thus cultivate a curiosity and openness to other languages.
- Having cultivated skills in communication, students will gain confidence in their enhanced capacity to use the English language in different setups and become eligible for jobs that require communicative proficiency in English, an ever expanding sector in India.

SEMESTER-IV

Course Title (Skill Enhancement Course): Creative Writing & BusinessCommunication

Course Code: UG-ENG-405/SEC-2

Course Content:

- 1. Creative Writing: Modes of Creative Writing
- 2. Essentials of Business Communication
- Writing a Project Report
 Writing for the Media: Developing Content / Writing Blog / Articles for newspapers, etc.

Course Objectives:

 To introduce the students to diverse aspects of creative writing and the essentials of business communication so as to cultivate in them creative skills as also train them in the practical aspects of business communication, honing their proficiency and confidence in using



language in multiple setups and enhancing employability across sectors

• To familiarize the students with the main tropes, methods, objectives and figures of speech

• To enable the students to engage with language not as a mere means of verbal

that distinguish literary or creative writing from other formats of written communication

communication or information transmission but as something that can be played with,

explored and reinvented for digging into the entire gamut of human emotion, thought,

imagination and experiences

• To skills students in diverse modes of draft composition from writing minutes of meetings to

project reports, book reviews, film reviews and media content

Course Outcomes:

• To be capable of various forms of creative writing or to at least learn to closely read and

respond as a connoisseur of literary writing, having gained an understanding and

appreciation of different aspects of language such as the figures of speech, language

codes and language registers.

• To be able to appreciate and analyse creative writing as much as a craft as an art

• To be trained to copy-edit and proof-read as also prepare drafts for publication

• To develop both basic and advanced skills in business communication, from writing

minutes of meetings to project reports.

• To have cultivated language skills necessary to communicate across diverse social and

receptive domains

• To find employment as content creator, social influencer and/or as entrepreneur across

print, electronic and new media, and also be skilled to be employed as business personnel

in different locations across a wide spectrum of industries

SEMESTER-V

Course Title (Core Course): British Literature: The Early 20th Century Course

Code: UG-ENG-501/C-11

Course Content:

Virginia Woolf *Mrs. Dalloway*

Bernard Shaw: Arms and the Man

1. W.B. Yeats: "Leda and the Swan", "Sailing to Byzantium"

T.S. Eliot: "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"

2. History of English Literature: Early 20th century (Till 1940s)

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Course Objectives:

- To enhance in students disciplinary knowledge of English Literature and Literary Studies in the context
 - of modernism and its interdisciplinary entanglements with various movements, forms and genres in music, painting, architecture, films etc.
- To train the students in close literary-critical exegesis of the prescribed texts as mapped against their co-texts and socio-political contexts, with special attention to characteristic themes, generic conventions and experiments, as also linguistic and stylistic innovations and their implications
- To cultivate a comparative perspective on early 20th century British literature by a student in an Indian classroom, encouraging her to connect between the local and the global through a reading of imperial/Eurocentric literatures composed during the early twentieth century from her own position as a located Indian citizen of the world today
- To hone critical thinking, analytical reasoning and creative questioning
- To kindle research questions and reflective thinking around modernism in Europe and its representational politics, legacies and afterlives
- To be able to cogently represent one's contentions through verbal presentations and wellargued essays

- To trace the history of modernism in the socio-cultural and intellectual contexts of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century Europe.
- To be able to link and distinguish between modernity and modernism
- To be able to compare, connect and comment on the links between developments in science including medicine and psychoanalysis, and co-eval experiments in literature
- To explain the history of early twentieth century modernism in the light of the stream of consciousness technique, Jungian and Freudian ideas, psychoanalysis, imagism, cubism etc.
- To identify and analyze the use of modernist techniques and forms in different genres in early twentieth century British literature and their transdisciplinary tendings
- To trace the history of the self and subjectivity in modernist literature in the light of colonial consciousness
- To be able to cultivate a trans-cultural, transnational perspective on the legacies of modernism in a post-colonial world, in the context of the rise of alternative modernities



Course Title (Core Course): Women's WritingCourse Code: UG-ENG-502/C-12

Course Content:

1. Emily Dickinson: "I cannot live with you", "Because I Could not Stop for Death"

Sylvia Plath: "Daddy", "Lady Lazarus" Eunice De Souza: "Advice to Women"

2. Charlotte Perkins Gilman: "The Yellow Wallpaper"

3. Katherine Mansfield 'Bliss'

Mahashweta Devi: "Draupadi", translated by Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak Mary Wollstonecraft: *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* chap. 1, pp. 11–19

3. Literary Terms & Concepts:

<u>Poetry</u>: Allegory, Blank verse, Carpe Diem, Dissociation of Sensibility, Dramatic monologue, Heroic Couplet, Metaphysical Conceit, Ode, Pastoral, Elegy, Sprung Rhythm, Sonnet, the Symbolist Movement

<u>Fiction</u>: Aestheticism, Antihero, Characterisation, Deconstruction, Epiphany, Expressionism, Gynocriticism, Implied Author, Intertextuality, Magic Realism, Narrative Techniques, Naturalism, Plot, Point of View, Realism, Structuralism, Types of Novel, Unreliable narrator, Utopia, Dystopia.

Course Objectives

- To train students in close literary-critical exegesis of the prescribed texts and their representations of female experience as mapped against the various socio-cultural, historical, economic and political contexts
- To analyse and creatively engage with women's writing within the theoretical frameworks of gynocriticism, ecriture feminine ("feminine writing"), feminism and its many morphings across time and space, as perceived from the locational context of the student
- To recognise the importance of gender specificity in literature and the invisibilisation of such specificities, when it happens, together with the political ramifications
- To link the status of woman to oft-normativised social discrimination and the possibilities of social change
- To enable the students to draw a location specific trajectory of female bonding or empowerment and cultivate a comparative perspective on such trajectories across spaces

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Course Outcomes:

• To cultivate an understanding of the complexity and contestations around social and

biological constructions of manhood and womanhood

• To examine the relationship of women to work and production

• To explain the difference between the feminine and the feminist vis-à-vis the female

• To be able to explore women's writings across time and space and their confluences-

conversations from a cross-cultural, comparative perspective

• To kindle research interest in women's writing aimed at creating a discursive framework for

imagining alternative modernities, re-fashioned social relations premised on gender

symmetries and equity, and a matrix of collaboration, solidarity and female-enabling social

change through the processes of inclusion, visibilisation

Suggested Topics for Background Reading and Class Presentation

• The Confessional Mode in Women's Writing

Sexual/Textual Politics

Body, Beauty and Discrimination

Race, Caste and Gender

Social Reform and Women's Rights

Women under Colonialism

Women in and out of Slavery

• Is there a Woman's Language?

SEMESTER-V

Course Title (Discipline Specific Elective): Literature of the Indian Diaspora

OR BritishLiterature: Post World War II

Course Code: UG-ENG-503/DSE-1

Course Content:

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I Literature of the Indian Diaspora

1. Meera Syal: Anita and Me

2. Short Stories

a. Jhumpa Lahiri: "When Mr. Pirzada came to Dine" from Jhumpa Lahiri's *Interpreter of Maladies*

b. V.S. Naipaul: "One Out of Many" (In a Free State)

c. Shauna Singh Baldwin: "We are not in Pakistan" (We are not in Pakistan)

3. Poems

A.K. Ramanujan: "Take care"

Uma Parameswaran: "This Land whereon I Stand"

Sujata Bhatt: "The One who Goes Away"

Course Objectives:

• To inculcate in students an awareness of the concept of "diaspora" in its etymological, historical and cultural contexts

• To develop a historical understanding of the formations of Indian diasporic movements within India and outside

• To be able to identify different aspects of the Indian diasporic consciousness and literary features of the Indian diasporic texts

 To cultivate in students the analytical ability for close literary-critical exegesis of diasporic texts when mapped against their socio-historical contexts and the theoretical framework shaped by key diasporic issues such as displacement, nostalgia, alienation, belonging, identity, gender, racism and assimilation.

Course Outcomes:

• To develop a creative-critical understanding of the writings of the Indian diaspora within the discourse of postcolonialism, postmodernity, hybridity, globalization and transnationalism

• To explore Indian diasporic texts as markers of Indian diasporic lives, cultural practices, experiences, religion and the proliferation of new media

 To be able to identify the main currents of Indian diasporic narratives, their links to other diasporas and fringes and present and argue cogently on one's contentions and findings in the area

• To kindle research interest in the Indian diaspora and diasporic narratives, and the



tensions/transfusions they perform between history, homes, memory, belonging and unhomedness.

OR

II British Literature: Post World War II

Course Content:

1. John Fowles: The French Lieutenant's Woman

2. Phillip Larkin: "Whitsun Weddings", "Church Going" Ted

Hughes: "Hawk Roosting", "Crow's Fall"

Seamus Heaney: "Digging", "Casualty"

Carol Anne Duffy: "Text", "Stealing"

3. Hanif Kureishi: My Beautiful Launderette

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics (Internals)

Postmodernism in British Literature

Britishness after 1960s

Intertextuality and Experimentation

Literature and Counterculture

Course Objectives:

- To enable students to understand the socio-historical, economic and political contexts of post-World War, post-imperial British Literature
- To explore the relationship between World War II and the end of colonialism and the significance of this scenario of global shrinking in terms of British national identity
- To identify the socio-historical and political changes in England post World War II
- To train students in close literary-critical exegesis of prescribed texts against their sociocultural contexts, mapping the rise of multiculturalism and socio-political upheavals in England in the wake of post-colonial migrations to the country from erstwhile colonial territories



- To be able to grasp the changing role of England and the English language with its many postcolonial and translational mutants in the new world order
- To be able to critically analyse and link the changes in social norms to new literary forms emergent in post 1950s British literature within the post-colonial, post-imperial theoretical framework
- To engage with the idea of the postmodern and the rise of the postmodernist aesthetics
- To analyse and appreciate the importance of location in understanding self and the other
- To kindle research interest in the domain, especially in the post-1950s refashioning of Englishness and of the British nation

SEMESTER-V

Course Title (Discipline Specific Elective): Science Fiction and Detective Literature OR Literature and Cinema

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I Science Fiction and Detective Literature

- 1. Wilkie Collins The Woman in White
- 2. Arthur Conan Doyle The Hound of the Baskervilles
- 3. Raymond Chandler *The Big Sleep*H.R.F. Keating *Inspector Ghote Goes by Train*

Suggested Topics and Readings for Class Presentation Topics (Internals)

Crime across the Media Constructions of Criminal Identity

Cultural Stereotypes in Crime Fiction

Oime Fiction and Cultural Nostalgia

Crime Fiction and Ethics

Crime and Censorship

Course Objectives:

- To enable students to write critically about the two genres of literature termed "Science Fiction" and "Detective Literature"
- To encourage students to explore the meanings and multiple facets of hitherto naturalized categories such as "crime" and "human/humanity" and their shifting contours
- To train students to analyze individual or multiple texts in the two genres in terms of key concepts including genre, implied audience, plot construction, linguistic texture, authorial



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Course Outcomes:

- To make students engage with the socio-political, philosophical and psychological issues and debates pivotal to both the formats
- To train students to think through the concept of progress, the role of technology in our life and the many unfolding implications of the smudged borderlines between technological applications and the human condition
- To be able to trace and engage with the social and historical construction of crime
- To kindle research interest in both these formats with increasing resonance in contemporary literature

OR

Literature and Cinema

II Literature and Cinema

- 1. James Monaco, 'The language of film: signs and syntax', in *How To Read a Film:*The World of Movies, Media & Multimedia (New York: OUP, 2009) chap. 3, pp. 170–249.
- William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet, and its adaptations: Romeo & Juliet (1968; dir.Franco Zeffirelli, Paramount); and Romeo + Juliet (1996; dir. BazLuhrmann, 20th Century Fox).
- 3. Amrita Pritam, *Pinjar: The Skeleton and OtherStories*, tr. Khushwant Singh (New Delhi: Tara Press, 2009) and its adaptation: *Pinjar*(2003; dir. C.P. Dwivedi, Lucky Star Entertainment).

Ian Fleming, From Russia with Love, and its adaptation: From Russia with Love (1963; dir. Terence Young, Eon Productions).

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations Topics (Internals)

Theories of Adaptation
Transformation and Transposition
Hollywood and 'Bollywood'
The 'Two Ways of Seeing'
Adaptation as Interpretation



Other films that may be used for class presentations:

- 1. William Shakespeare, *Comedy of Errors*, *Macbeth*, and *Othello* and their adaptations: *Angoor* (dir. Gulzar, 1982), *Maqbool* (dir. Vishal Bhardwaj, 2003), *Omkara*(dir. Vishal Bhardwaj, 2006) respectively.
- 2. Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice* and its adaptations: BBC TV mini-series (1995), JoeWright (2005) and Gurinder Chadha's *Bride and Prejudice* (2004).
- 3. *Rudaali*(dir. KalpanaLajmi, 1993) and *Gangor*or 'Behind the Bodice' (dir. Italo Spinelli, 2010).
- 4. Ruskin Bond, *Junoon* (dir. ShyamBenegal, 1979), *The Blue Umbrella* (dir. VishalBhardwaj, 2005), and *SaatKhoonMaaf* (dir. Vishal Bhardwaj, 2011).
- 5. E.M. Forster, *Passage to India* and its adaptation dir. David Lean (1984).

Course Objectives:

- To enable students to present a coherent view of the relationship between written and cinematic texts by studying the points of contact of literary and cinematic praxis.
- To explore cinema as a syncretistic art form which could represent diverse time frames, situations, literary cultures and other media/forms
- To communicate the role of location in cinematic adaptations
- To enable students to study cinema as a composite medium of possibilities as audiovisual articulation, medium of adaptation/translation of literature across space and time, form of (popular) culture with massive outreach and a craft with its distinct parameters of reception and histories

- To provide a theoretical framework to sensitize students to the possibilities of collaboration, intertextuality and difference between the media of literature and cinema
- To highlight the interdisciplinarity of culture studies and humanities by training students in close located readings and interpretations of literary texts and their cinematic adaptations, and to introduce them to related critical vocabularies and perspectives
- To examine different theories of adaptation and link them to contexts of cinematic expression and reception/interpretation, taking classics in fiction and film as case studies
- To identify and illustrate the distinction between the literary and cinematic crafts of seeing.
- To demonstrate a systematic and historically-grounded knowledge of literature and cinema as expressive arts, and their transformation, transposition and transfusion in the in-between land of adaptation.



SEMESTER- VI

Course Title (Core Course): Popular Literature

Course Code: AH/ENG/601/C-13

Course Content

1. Lewis Carroll: Through the Looking Glass

Agatha Christie: The Murder of Roger Ackroyd

2. DurgabaiVyam and SubhashVyam: Bhimayana: Experiences of Untouchability

3. Background Prose reading:

Caste, Gender and Identity, Ethics and Education in Children's Literature, The Graphic Novel

Course Objectives:

- To introduce the students to the definitive issues and debates that nucleate the category termed "popular literature", including questions around the role of mass marketing both local and global invested in by publishing houses, distributors and retailers of books, book promotions for targeted readerships, roles of reception and readership and shifts therein, bestsellers and corporate interest in curating the lists, branding, pricing and the like.
- To promote an understanding and appreciation of popular literature as a socially relevant, located and pleasurable form of writing which engages with contemporary issues and especially in case of popular literature published in English in India, plays with the new possibilities of language
- To train students to identify and articulate the characteristics of various genres of non-literary fiction

- To enable students to trace the early history of print culture in England and explore the
 economic and socio-historical contexts that led to the emergence of genre fiction and
 bestsellers, while training them in a comparative analytical perspective on the phenomenon
 of the rise of popular literature in English in contemporary India
- To make students engage in debates on the categories of "high" and "low" culture, "canonical" and "non-canonical" literature, resonant with the domain of popular literature
- To explore the social, historical, economic and political relevance of popular texts and bestsellers as products of their time and age that refract and reflect the aspirations and anxieties of the society and the socio-economic classes of their intended readership
- To train students in close reading and various methods of literary-critical analysis so as to interpret popular literature as mapped against their time and place of production, promotion and sales



SEMESTER-VI

Course Title (Core Course): Postcolonial Literatures

Course Code: AH/ENG/602/C-14

Course Content

1. Gabriel Garcia Marquez: Chronicle of a Death Foretold

OR, Monica Ali: Brick Lane

2. Derek Walcott "A Far Cry from Africa"

David Malouf: "Revolving Days", "Wild Lemons"

Mamang Dai: "Small Towns and the River"

3. Background Prose Readings

De-colonization, Globalisation and Literature, Region, Race and Gender, Literature and Identity Politics

Course Objectives:

- To cultivate in students an understanding of the social, historical, political and economic contexts
 - of colonialism and postcolonialism in India and other countries affected by colonial rule
- To understand the scope of postcolonial literatures in India and elsewhere, primarily as a complex, many-shaded response to the long shadow of colonialism, in excess of mere colonial occupation
- To learn to analyse the effects of colonial rule on the language, culture, economy and habitat of specific groups of people affected by it through close literary-critical exegesis of a corpus of representative postcolonial texts from different erstwhile colonial locations
- To link colonialism to modernity and debate and discuss the emergence of alternative modernities

- To appreciate and analyse the spectre of growing inequality arising out of colonial occupation and the role played by postcolonial literatures to resist it in India and other postcolonial locations across the world
- To critically engage with issues of racism, imperialism and exploitation along gender lines during and after colonial occupation
- To understand the legacies of colonialism in shaping contemporary realities both post-



colonial and post-imperial, including the matrix of neo-colonial conglomerates and the movements of resistance

- To explore the changing role and status of English in postcolonial literatures and its myriad links through translation-transmission to the global as also bhasha literatures, the latter in the context of India
- ☐ To kindle research interest among students in exploring the postcolonial phenomenon as refracted through literatures across Asia, Africa and South America from a comparative perspective, highlighting conversations and possibilities of collaboration-collusion between extra-metropolitan parts of the erstwhile empire

SEMESTER-VI

Course Title (Discipline Specific Course): World Literatures Or Partition Literature

AH/ENG/603/DSE-3

I. World Literatures:

Course Content:

1. V.S. Naipaul: Bend in the River.

2. Antoine De Saint-Exupery: The Little Prince.

Julio Cortazar: "Blow-Up"

3. Judith Wright: "Bora Ring"

Gabriel Okara: "The Mystic Drum"

Kishwar Naheed: "The Grass is Really Like Me"

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations Topics

The Idea of World Literature

Memory, Displacement and Diaspora

Hybridity, Race and Culture

Adult Reception of Children's Literature

Literary Translation and the Circulation of Literary Texts

Aesthetics and Politics in Poetry

Course Objectives:

• To introduce students to the concept of World Literature and its historical trajectory in

relation to other related concepts e.g. national literature, general literature, comparative

literature, adult reception of children's literature and Vishwa Sahitya.

To give students an exposure to the diverse canons of literature composed in different

locations and languages and sensitize them to the multiplicity of prisms and paradigms of

election-elusion while curating a canon

To inculcate in students the critical insight and analytical tools to explore themes in refrain

transfusing the cross-currents of literatures produced and circulated across the globe e.g.,

Memory, Displacement and Diaspora, Hybridity, Race and Culture etc.

To train students in close literary-critical exegesis of prescribed texts as mapped against

their socio-political, historical and economic contexts

Course Outcomes:

• To be able to explore the connectedness and diversity of human experiences and literary

representations and receptions in different parts of the world, especially within the theoretical

architectures provided by concepts and categories that feature in refrain, e.g. Memory,

Displacement and Diaspora, Hybridity, Race and Culture, Gender and its bendings etc

• To enable students to analyze and appreciate literary texts from different parts of the world

and receive and respond to them in the light of one's own literary traditions, location

• To make students aware of the role of literary translation in the production and circulation of "World Literatures"

To kindle research interest in cultivating a comparative, transnational perspective on world

literature, with focus on the characteristics and politics of its production, election, omissions,

promotion, translation and transmission

OR

II Partition Literature

Course Content:

1. Intizar Hussain: Basti.

2. Khushwant Singh: Train to Pakistan.

3. Dibyendu Palit: "Alam's Own House"

Manik Bandyopadhyay: "The Final Solution"

Sa'adat Hasan Manto: "Toba Tek Singh"

Lalithambika Antharajanam: "A Leaf in the Storm"

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4. Faiz Ahmad Faiz: "For Your Lanes, My Country"

Jibanananda Das: "I Shall Return to This Bengal"

Gulzar: "Toba Tek Singh"

Suggested Topics and Readings for Class Presentation Topics (Internals)

Colonialism, Nationalism, and the Partition

Communalism and Violence

Homelessness and Exile Women in the Partition

Films

GaramHawa(dir. M.S. Sathyu, 1974).

KhamoshPaani: Silent Waters (dir. SabihaSumar, 2003).

Subarnarekha (dir. RitwikGhatak, 1965)

Course Objectives:

- To introduce students to topics and texts related to colonialism, nationalism, the partition of India, communalism and violence, homelessness and exile, and the situation of women during partition
- To train students in close literary-critical reading of the prescribed texts as mapped against their socio-historical, political and economic contexts
- To sensitize students to the historical trajectory of the partition of the Indian subcontinent and its aftermath, as reflected in, also reflected on in the representative texts included in the curriculum

- The texts selected focus on partition and its multidimensional issues, tremors and aftermaths, thereby nudging the learners to enter and explore the lives of the people as represented before and after the partition.
- The course aims to sensitize students to the legacies and afterlives of partition and cultivate an empathetic understanding of their contemporary resonances in the Indian subcontinent
- The course could kindle research interest among a set of students regarding multimedial representations of the partition and the ethics and politics of such representations, including the preservation of memory-archives and oral narratives



surrounding the issue, and also at the same time, the forgiving and tenderness sometimes embedded in the contrapuntal right to forget

SEMESTER-VI

Course Title (Discipline Specific Course): Research Methodology OR Travel Writing Course Code: UG-ENG-604/DSE-4

Course Content:

I Research Methodology

- 1. Practical Criticism and Writing a Term paper
- 2. Conceptualizing and Drafting Research Proposals
- 3. On Style Manuals
- 4. Notes, References, and Bibliography

OR

II Travel Writing

- Ibn Batuta: 'The Court of Muhammad bin Tughlaq', Khuswant Singh's CityImprobable: Writings on Delhi, Penguin Publisher
 Al Biruni: Chapter LXIII, LXIV, LXVI, in India by Al Biruni, edited by Qeyamuddin Ahmad, National Book Trust of India
- 2. Mark Twain: *The Innocent Abroad* (Chapter VII, VIII and IX) (Wordsworth ClassicEdition)
- 3. William Dalrymple: City of Dijnn (Prologue, Chapters I and II) Penguin Books

Suggested Topics and Background Prose Readings for Class Presentations

Topics:

Travel Writing and Ethnography
Gender and Travel

Globalization and Travel

Travel and Religion

Orientalism and Travel

Course Objectives:

To cultivate in students an understanding of research methodology.



- To make students creatively engage with research later in their career.
- To explore the history of nations through travel writing.
- To critically engage with significant social issues like caste and gender through travel writings.

- To cultivate in students an understanding of the historical trajectories of literature and the interconnections historically forged through travel writing.
- To inculcate research perceptions in students.
- To kindle research interest in students.