

Sample Course Description

Faculty: Faculty of Foreign Languages

Study program: Bachelor in Italian language

Course Title: Theory of literature

Course Credits: 6

Language of Instruction: Italian

Course Description: This course aims to provide students with the basic knowledge of the notion of "Literature", such as: its relationship with society and other arts, the three aspects of a literary text: author-message-reception. This course will enable students to: Understand the historical development of literary theory; understand and discuss relationships between different theories and critical schools; understand and discuss some key ideas of particular theories and schools; understand extracts from works by selected theorists and critics; understand the practical applications of literary theory; apply literary theory themselves in analysing prose and poetry.

Course Goals: Students will know that the theory of literature is the scholarly study of literature as a cultural phenomenon. They will also know what is relevant to literature in general (the author, the work, the relationship between the author and the reader, the character, the theories of reception or the different narrative levels, etc.) as well as the techniques for studying individual works. By the end of the course the students will know: The broad development of literary theory from the early twentieth century to the present; differences and similarities between several theories and critical schools; some key concepts of individual theories; how theory has been applied to literary analysis; how to use theory when reading and analysing literature.

Course Requirements:

Attendance: Lectures and seminars 75%

Assessment: Attendance 10%, continuous assessment 20%, final exam 70%

Grading: The lowest grade is 5 and the highest grade is 10.

46-55 points	5
56-65 points	6
66-75 points	7
76-85 points	8
86-95 points	9
96-100 points	10

Course Schedule: Semester II, 30 lectures and 30 seminars