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SEMESTER III

MAJOR CORE

ENG 601 MJ: Trends in Twentieth Century Literary Theory I (04 credits)

Concept: The course focuses on the development of Western literary theoretical perspectives in the first half of the twentieth century. The historical account of the Western intellectual thought process in the domain of literary studies will be discussed. The course introduces students to more contemporary trends in literary criticism and theory, such as New Criticism, Archetypal Criticism, Russian Formalism and Structuralism, and also introduces some disciplinary and inter-disciplinary critics and thinkers like W. K. Wimsatt, Monroe C. Beardsley, Cleanth Brooks, Northrop Frye, Rene Wellek, Victor Shklovsky and Claude Levi-Strauss among others. Sample texts from the key thinkers will be discussed. Students will be encouraged to use theoretical perspectives as a framework that informs our interpretations of literature, art and other media.

Course Objectives:

1. Introduce students to the basic issues in Western literary theory and criticism
2. Acquaint students with the basic tenets of literary theory and criticism
3. Acquaint students with the variety of theoretical approaches developed in the Twentieth century
4. Familiarize students with the recently developed theoretical apparatuses used to read literary texts
5. Enable students to use theory and criticism as an analytical instrument that can develop close reading skills and research methodologies

Course Outcomes: After completing the course, the students shall be able to:

1. Appreciate the theoretical framework of literary texts
2. Engage in theoretical analysis of literary texts
3. Study and use various historical and contemporary approaches to literary texts
4. Use critical models to analyze various literary, visual, digital texts and other art forms
5. Develop interpretive and analytical abilities, and contribute to ongoing conversations within literary studies.

Evaluation:

This course will have 50 percent internal and 50 percent external evaluation.

Reading List:

The reading list is only indicative, and not exhaustive.

1. Abrams, Meyer H., and Geoffrey Galt Harpham. *A Glossary of Literary Terms*. Thomson Wadsworth, 2012.
2. Abrams, M H. *The Mirror and the Lamp: Romantic Theory and the Critical Tradition*. London, Oxford University Press, 1953.
3. Culler, Jonathan. *Structuralist Poetics*. Taylor & Francis, 2023.
4. Habib, M. A. R. *Literary Criticism from Plato to the Present: An Introduction*. 1st ed., Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.
5. James-Scott, R.A. *The Making of Literature*. Allied Publishers, 2000.
6. Lodge, David. *Twentieth Century Literary Criticism: A Reader*. Routledge, 2016.
7. Nisbet, H. B., et al. *The Cambridge History of Literary Criticism / Vol. 7, Modernism and the New Criticism / Ed. By A. Walton Litz, Louis Menand, and Lawrence Rainey*. Cambridge University Press, 2000.
8. Richter, David H. *The Critical Tradition: Classic Texts and Contemporary Trends*. Boston, Bedford/St. Martin's, 2007.
9. Selden, Raman, editor. *The Cambridge History of Literary Criticism: From Formalism to Poststructuralism Volume 8*. Cambridge University Press, 2008,
10. Wellek, Rene, and Austin Warren. *Theory of Literature*. Dalkey Archive Press, 2023.
11. Wellek, René. *A History of Modern Criticism 1750-1950. 2 the Romantic Age*. Cambridge Cambridge Univ. Press, 1981.
12. Wellek, Rene. *Concepts of Criticism*. 1963.
13. Wimsatt, William K, and Cleanth Brooks. *Literary Criticism: A Short History*. Routledge, 2021.

ENG 602 MJ: Indian Writing in English and in English Translation (04 credits)

Concept: The course aims to critically delve into the evolution of Indian Literature in English and English translation, encompassing major literary works from the post-independence era to the present day. It will examine how the socio-cultural, political, and historical contexts have influenced the development of these literary expressions. The journey begins with the critical investigation of the post-independence era, extending across five decades of the 20th century and the inaugural decade of the 21st century. Through movements like Modernism and Postmodernism, diverse perspectives to interpret the evolving artistic vision of Indian writers shall be discussed. The course cultivates an appreciation for literary diversity while using Postcolonial Theory to enhance understanding. Themes, styles and trends that have shaped this multifaceted literary landscape shall be explored, through examination of both original works in English and those translated from diverse regional languages. Additionally, the latest developments and emerging trends in contemporary Indian Writing shall be considered.

Course Objectives:

1. To gain a comprehensive understanding of the evolution of Indian Writing in English and in English Translation since independence
2. To understand the historical, social, and cultural influences on post-independence Indian Literature
3. To analyze the key themes, stylistic features, and major movements within the literary archives of Indian writing in English and English translation
4. To explore the significance of pre-independence Indian writing and regional language literature as a foundation for post-independence works
5. To assess the challenges and opportunities in translating Indian Literature into English
6. To identify and discuss new trends and developments in contemporary Indian writing
7. To develop independent research and critical thinking skills through close textual analysis

Course Outcomes: After completing the course, the students shall be able to:

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the evolution of Indian writing in English and in English Translation since independence
2. Illustrate a nuanced understanding of the historical, social, and cultural contexts shaping post-independence Indian Literature
3. Analyze and categorize various literary works within the framework of major literary movements
4. Determine the impact of pre-independence Indian and regional language literature on post-independence English literature
5. Assess and review the challenges and opportunities in translating Indian Literature into English
6. Identify and discuss emerging trends in contemporary Indian writing, demonstrating awareness of current developments
7. Conduct independent research and present their findings effectively through both written and spoken means

Evaluation:

This course will have 50 percent internal and 50 percent external evaluation.

Reading List:

The reading list is only indicative, and not exhaustive.

1. Ali, Agha Shahid. *I Dream I Am Falling: Selected Poems*. Penguin, 2014.
2. Anand, Mulk Raj. *Coolie*. John Lane, 1936.
3. Ashcroft, Bill, Gareth Griffiths, and Helen Tiffin. *The Empire Writes Back: Theory and Practice in Post-Colonial Literatures*. Routledge, 1989.
4. Bhabha, Homi K. *The Location of Culture*. Routledge, 1994.
5. Desai, Anita. *Fire on the Mountain*. Heinemann, 1977.
6. Ezekiel, Nissim. *Enterprise of English: Selected Poems*. 1948-1988. Oxford UP, 1988.
7. Ghosh, Amitav. *The Shadow Lines*. Viking, 1988.
8. Lahiri, Jhumpa. *Unaccustomed Earth: Stories*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2008.
9. Ramanujan, A.K. *Looking for, Prayers, and Other Poems*. Oxford UP, 1990.
10. Rao, Raja. *Kanthapura*. New Directions, 1962.
11. Roy, Arundhati. *The God of Small Things*. Harper Collins, 1997.
12. Rushdie, Salman. *Midnight's Children*. Viking, 1981.
13. Said Edward. *Orientalism*. Vintage, 1978.
14. Tagore, Rabindranath. *Gitanjali*. Trans. William Butler Yeats. Macmillan, 1913.
15. Young, Robert J.C. *Postcolonialism: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford UP, 2001.

ENG 603 MJ: Introduction to Aesthetics (04 credits)

Concept: The course introduces students to the basic concepts in Western and Indian aesthetics. Students will be acquainted with the historical account of various developments in Western and Indian aesthetics. In Western aesthetics, especially after the Renaissance, the term aesthetic is conceived in its relation to other terms — like object, judgment, attitude, experience and value. Accordingly, variations in the views and propositions of the Western theoreticians pertain to the questions: whether art works can be considered aesthetic objects; whether aesthetic judgments have perceptual basis or can they be reasoned out; can the aesthetic attitude and the practical one be differentiated; how aesthetic experience can be defined; how to understand the relation between aesthetic experience and aesthetic attitude. In Indian aesthetics, apart from the historical development, students will be acquainted with the discussions on Rasa, Alankara, Riti, Dhavani, Vakrokti and Auchitya among other concepts. Sample European and Indian texts will be used in the classroom discussion.

Course Objectives:

1. Introduce students to the basic issues in Western and Indian aesthetic theory and criticism
2. Acquaint students with the basic tenets of aesthetic theory and criticism
3. Acquaint students with the variety of theoretical approaches developed in Western and Indian aesthetics
4. Familiarize students with the ways in which literary texts and other art forms can be analyzed through theoretical apparatus
5. Enable students to use theories of aesthetics as analytical instruments, and develop their close reading skills and research abilities

Course Outcomes: After completing the course, the student shall be able to:

1. Engage with the theoretical framework of Western and Indian aesthetics
2. Engage in theoretical analysis of literary texts
3. Study and use various historical and contemporary approaches to literary texts from the perspective of aesthetics
4. Use aesthetic perspectives to analyze various visual and digital texts and other art forms
5. Develop their own interpretive and analytical abilities and contribute to ongoing conversations within literary studies

Evaluation:

This course will have 50 percent internal and 50 percent external evaluation.

Reading List:

The reading list is only indicative, and not exhaustive.

1. Cazeaux, Clive, ed. *The Continental Aesthetics Reader*. Routledge, 2017.
2. Chakrabarti, Arindam, ed. *The Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Indian Aesthetics and the Philosophy of Art*. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2016.

3. Chandran, Mini, and V. S. Sreenath. *An Introduction to Indian Aesthetics: History, Theory, and Theoreticians*. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2021.
4. Davies, Stephen, et al., eds. *A Companion to Aesthetics*. Vol. 67. John Wiley & Sons, 2009.
5. Deshpande, Ganesh Tryambak. *Indian Poetics*. Translated by Jayant Paranjpe, Popular Prakashan, 2009.
6. Gaut, Berys Nigel, and Dominic Lopes, eds. *The Routledge Companion to Aesthetics*. 2005.
7. Graham, Gordon. *Philosophy of the Arts: An Introduction to Aesthetics*. Routledge, 2006.
8. Gupta, Neerja A. *A Student's Handbook of Indian Aesthetics*. Newcastle Upon Tyne, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017.
9. Guyer, Paul. *A History of Modern Aesthetics*. Cambridge University Press, 2015.
10. Kapil Kapoor. *Literary Theory: Indian Conceptual Framework*. New Delhi India, Affiliated East-West Press Private, 1998.
11. Nanay, Bence. *Aesthetics: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press, USA, 2019.
12. Pollock, Sheldon. *A Rasa Reader: Classical Indian Aesthetics*. Columbia University Press, 2016.
13. Ribeiro, Anna Christina. *The Bloomsbury Companion to Aesthetics*. Edited by Anna Christina Ribeiro, Bloomsbury Academic, 2015.
14. Sheppard, Anne DR. *Aesthetics: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Art*. OUP Oxford, 1987.
15. Wenzel, Christian Helmut. *An Introduction to Kant's Aesthetics: Core Concepts and Problems*. John Wiley & Sons, 2008.

ENG 604 MJ: Critical Reading (01 T+ 01 P= 02 credits)

Concept: This course aims to familiarize students with theories and methods of reading. The history of reading, readers and methods will be discussed along with hands-on practices in reading. For each discipline of the humanities, “reading” can entail very different goals, procedures, and strategies. While the term generally encompasses acts of textual engagement, analysis, or interpretation, what we “read” in the humanities can vary widely – from poems to paintings, films to philosophical tracts. Scholarly articles and monographs will require yet another, different set of reading skills. It can therefore be helpful to discuss what “reading” means for the humanities, and what kinds of reading methods and strategies will be necessary. In-class or take-home activities specifically tailored to teaching critical reading will greatly help students in developing these skills. Select literary texts will be read in class using the many methods of reading to enhance the reading skills of students.

Course Objectives:

1. To understand the history of reading
2. To understand the various methodologies of reading
3. To illustrate the practices of reading
4. To enable enhanced reading and comprehension skills

Course Outcomes: After completing the course, the students shall be equipped with:

1. The apparatus of reading
2. Enhanced comprehensibility
3. Enhanced reading skills
4. Nuanced reading methods

Evaluation:

The course will have 50 percent internal and 50 percent external evaluation. The practical component will be a part of the internal evaluation.

Reading List:

The reading list is only indicative, and not exhaustive.

1. Boyan, Catherine S. "Critical Reading What Is It? Where Is It?." *The Reading Teacher* 25.6 (1972): pp. 517-522.
2. Darnton, Robert. "Towards a History of Reading." *Historiography: Critical Readings* 3 (2021):178.
3. Dan Kurland's *www.criticalreading.com Strategies for Critical Reading and Writing*. www.criticalreading.com.
4. Knott, Deborah. "Critical Reading towards Critical Writing | Writing Advice." *University of Toronto*, advice.writing.utoronto.ca/researching/critical-reading/.
5. Metcalfe, Mike. *Reading Critically at University*. Sage Publications. 2006.
6. Peters, John. *The Elements of Critical Reading*. Macmillan, 1991
7. Wheeler, Dr.L.Kip. "Critical Reading of an Essay's Argument." Dr. Wheeler's Website. 12 Oct. 2004. http://web.cn.edu/kwheeler/reading_basic.html

MAJOR ELECTIVES

ENG 610 MJ: History of the Book (04 credits)

Concept: Most of us use books, but very few people think about what a book is and how it got that way. The discipline that looks at books as made objects, is called History of the Book. It investigates and discusses the human agency behind the making and selling of literary texts. It includes everything from the study of manufacturing processes, through editing conventions and practices, right up to selling, reviewing and reception, and what happens to books in the hands of readers.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce students to the various agents in the making of books as material object
2. To contextualize the production, circulation and consumption of books as material objects
3. To understand the sociology of books, reading and readers
4. To understand book history in the 'Western' and the 'Indian' contexts

Course Outcomes: After completing this course, students shall be able to:

1. Understand the complex and interconnected process of book production, circulation and consumption
2. Understand the sociology of books, reading and readers
3. Understand the ways in which publishing industry operates
4. Understand the shifts that occur owing to new technological inventions

Evaluation:

This course will have a 50 percent internal and 50 percent external evaluation.

Reading List:

The reading list is only indicative, and not exhaustive.

1. Chartier, Roger. *The Order of Books: Readers, Authors, and Libraries in Europe between the 14th and 18th Centuries*. Stanford University Press, 1994.
2. Chaudhuri, Sukanta. *The Metaphysics of Text*. Cambridge University Press, 2010.
3. Darnton, Robert. "What Is the History of Books?" *Daedalus*, vol. 111, no. 3, 1982, pp. 65–83. *JSTOR*, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/20024803>.
4. Eisenstein, Elizabeth. *The Printing Press as an Agent of Change*. Cambridge University Press, 1980.
5. Febvre, Lucien and Martin Henri Jean. *The Coming of the Book: The Impact of Printing, 1450-1800*. Verso, 1976.
6. Gaskell, Philip. *A New Introduction to Bibliography: The Classic Manual of Bibliography*. Oxford University Press, 1972.
7. Gupta, Abhijit and Swapan Chakravorty (edited). *Print Areas: Book History in India*. Orient Blackswan, 2010.
8. Manguel, Alberto. *A History of Reading*. Penguin, 1997.
9. Matthew G. Kirschenbaum, "Editing the Interface: Textual Studies and First-Generation Electronic Objects", *Text* 14: 15-51.
10. Stark, Ulrike. *An Empire of Books: The Naval Kishore Press and the Diffusion of the Printed Word in Colonial India*. Permanent Black: 2007.

ENG 611 MJ: Dalit Literatures (04 credits)

Concept: Reformist movements in India have sought to challenge the caste system for a very long time, and gained momentum since the 19th century. The movements, and especially the work and the writings of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, vocalized and theorized the systemic oppression of Dalits. On this backdrop, Dalit literature, as a stream in Indian literature, emerged majorly in the latter half of the 20th century. Dalit writings have captured the angst of marginalization, historical injustices, the diverse and subtle forms in which casteism manifests, and most importantly, the spirit of revolt, which contributes prominently in the construction of the Dalit consciousness. Additionally, efforts have been made to conceptualize and formulate critical theories regarding Dalit Literature. Dalit Literature, on the one hand, has helped many marginalized communities find a voice, and on the other, it has made those from the “mainstream” aware of the complex issues in the Indian social structure. Studying the writings is important in the process of constructing a better society, free of hierarchies and oppression.

Course Objectives:

1. To discuss with students the discriminatory system of casteism, along with its historical background
2. To discuss with students the various forms in which casteism was and is practiced, with reference to changing socio-political, economic and cultural discourses
3. To familiarize students with various anti-caste movements in India
4. To discuss with students the emergence, definition and characteristics of Dalit Literature, along with the diverse forms within
5. To discuss with students the concept and characteristics of Dalit Consciousness, and its manifestation in literature
6. To discuss concepts with students in Dalit literary criticism, highlighting its specificity and its difference from ‘mainstream’ literary criticism

Course Outcomes: After completing this course students shall be able to:

1. Decipher the nuanced and changing forms of casteism, resist them and help in the construction of a better society
2. Understand an important stream in Indian literature, along with its specific characteristics
3. Understand Dalit Literature from diverse regions in India, and in its various forms
4. Look at literary domains like aesthetics and criticism from a new, subaltern point of view

Evaluation:

This course will have 50 percent internal and 50 percent external evaluation.

Reading List:

The reading list is only indicative, and not exhaustive.

1. Ambedkar, B. R. *Annihilation of Caste*. Rupa, 2019.
2. Ambedkar, B R. *Who Were the Shudras?: How They Came to Be the Fourth Varna in the Indo-Aryan Society*. Kalpaz, 2017.
3. Ambedkar, B R. *The Untouchables: Who Were They and Why They Became Untouchables?* Kalpaz, 2017.
4. Bagul, Baburao. *When I Hid My Caste: Stories*. Translated by Jerry Pinto, Speaking Tiger Books, 2018.
5. Bama. *Karukku*. Translated by Lakshmi Holmstrom, Oxford University Press, 2014.

6. Dangle, Arjun, editor. *Poisoned Bread: Translations from Modern Marathi Dalit Literature*. Sangam Books, 1992.
7. Dhasal, Namdeo. *Poet of the Underworld*. Translated by Dilip Chitre, Navayana, 2007.
8. Dutt, Yashica. *Coming Out as Dalit*. Aleph Book Company, 2019.
9. Limbale, S. *Towards an Aesthetic of Dalit Literature: History, Controversies and Considerations*. Translated by Alok Mukerjee, Orient Longman, 2004.
10. Mane, Laxman. *Upara – An Outsider*. Translated by A.K. Kamat, Sahitya Akademi, 2017.
11. Omvedt, Gail. *UNDERSTANDING CASTE: From Buddha to Ambedkar and Beyond*. Orient Longman, 2021.
12. Pawar, Daya. *Baluta*. Translated by Jerry Pinto, 2nd ed., Speaking Tiger Books, 2015.
13. Phule, Jotiba. *Sum and Substance of Slavery*. Samyak Prakashan, 2019.
14. Valmiki, Omprakash. *Joothan*. Translated by Arun Prabha Mukherjee, Columbia University Press, 2003.
15. Yengde, Suraj. *Caste Matters*. Penguin Viking, 2019.

ENG 612 MJ: Cultural Studies (04 credits)

Concept: The course is intended to introduce students to Cultural Studies as a relatively new and broader approach to literature and culture in general. The course offers an interdisciplinary exploration, examining the ways in which culture shapes and is shaped by various social, political, economic, and historical forces. Students will engage with the key theories, methodologies, and case studies to develop a critical understanding of cultural phenomena. This course is not limited to one specific discipline but draws from anthropology, sociology, history, literature, art, and other related fields. Apart from a historical introduction and key concepts, some contemporary trends in Culture Studies will be discussed.

Course Objectives:

1. To enable students to develop critical thinking skills in analyzing cultural phenomena
2. To enable students to understand cultural diversity
3. To introduce to students the various methodologies to critique power and inequality
4. To make students understand cultural identity in a broader spectrum
5. To familiarize students with the contemporary issues in cultural studies

Course Outcomes: After completing this course students shall be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of foundational cultural studies theories
2. Apply these theories to analyze cultural artifacts and practices
3. Develop an awareness of how cultural artifacts can challenge or reinforce existing power structures
4. Critically assess how identities are portrayed and constructed
5. Critically assess the power dynamics embedded in cultural practices

Evaluation:

This course will have 50 percent internal and 50 percent external evaluation.

Reading List:

The reading list is only indicative, and not exhaustive.

1. Appadurai, Arjun. *Modernity at Large: Cultural Dimensions of Globalization*. University of Minnesota Press, 1996.
2. Bhabha, Homi K. *The Location of Culture*. Routledge, 1994.
3. Butler, Judith. *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity*. Routledge, 1990.
4. Cashmore, Ernest, and Chris Rojek. *Dictionary of Cultural Theorists*. 1999.
5. During, Simon, ed. *The Cultural Studies Reader*. Psychology Press, 1999.
6. Fanon, Frantz. *Black Skin, White Masks*. Grove Weidenfeld, 1991.
7. Geertz, Clifford. *The Interpretation of Cultures: Selected Essays*. Basic Books, 1973.
8. Gramsci, Antonio, and David Forgacs. *The Gramsci Reader: Selected Writings, 1916-1935*. Lawrence and Wishart, 1999.
9. Guha, Ranjit. *Dominance without Hegemony: History and Power in Colonial India*. Harvard University Press, 1997.
10. Jameson, Fredric. *Postmodernism, or the Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism*. Routledge,

2016.

11. Johnson, Richard. "What Is Cultural Studies Anyway?" *Social Text*, no. 16, 1986, pp. 38–80. *JSTOR*, <https://doi.org/10.2307/466285>. Accessed 12 Mar. 2024.
12. Said, Edward. *Culture and Imperialism*. Vintage, 1994.
13. Williams, Raymond. *Culture and Materialism*. Verso Books, 2020.
14. Williams, Raymond. *Culture and Society*. Vintage classics, 2017.

ENG 613 MJ: Translation Studies (T2 + P2=04 credits)

Concept: The course aims at familiarizing students with the theories and praxis of translation. In the last few decades, Translation Studies has emerged as an important area of research in the humanities, and has become an inclusive space to encourage interdisciplinary research. This course aims at introducing the students to the recent developments in Translation Studies in the Western and the Indian context alike. Practical sessions on translation and writing Translator's Notes or Foreward will also be a component of this course.

Course Objectives:

1. To train students in the theories and praxis of translation
2. To encourage interdisciplinary research through translation
3. To train students to write a translator's note
4. To familiarize students with the various new developments in translation theory and praxis in the global context

Course Outcomes: After completing this course students shall be:

1. Proficient in the theories and practice of translation
2. Keen on pursuing translation studies as a domain of their research
3. Motivated to take up translation as a profession
4. Able to understand their regional languages and cultures

Evaluation:

The course will have 50 percent internal and 50 percent external evaluation. The practical component will be a part of the internal evaluation.

Reading List:

The reading list is only indicative, and not exhaustive.

1. Bassnett, Susan. *Translation Studies*. Routledge, 1980.
2. Chaudhuri, Sukanta. *Translation and Understanding*. Oxford University Press, 1990.
3. Gentzler, Edwin. *Contemporary Translation Theories*. Multilingual Matters, 2001.
4. Gentzler, Edwin. *Translation and Rewriting in the Age of Post-Translation Studies*. Routledge, 2016.
5. Kothari, Rita. *Uneasy Translations: Self, Experience and Indian Literature*. Bloomsbury, 2022.
6. Mukherjee, Sujit. *Translation as Discovery and Other Essays on Indian Literature in English Translation*. Orient Blackswan, 1981.
7. Niranjana, Tejaswini. *Siting Translation: History, Post-structuralism and the Colonial Context*. University of California Press, 1992.
8. Simon, Sherry. *Gender in Translation: Cultural Identity and the Politics of Transmission*. Routledge, 1996.
9. Simon, Sherry. *Cities in Translation: Intersections of Language and Memory*. Routledge, 2012.
10. Venuti, Lawrence. *The Translation Studies Reader*. Routledge, 2000.

ENG 634 RP: Research Projects (04 Credits)

SEMESTER IV

MAJOR CORE

ENG 651 MJ: Trends in Twentieth Century Literary Theory II (04 credits)

Concept: The course focuses mostly on the development of Western literary theoretical perspectives in the second half of the Twentieth century. The historical account of the Western intellectual thought process in the domain of literary studies will be discussed. The course introduces students to more contemporary trends in literary theory, such as Post-structuralism and also introduces some inter-disciplinary thinkers like Roland Barthes, Michel Foucault, Jacques Derrida, Jacques Lacan, Bakhtin, Jean Baudrillard among others. Sample texts from the key thinkers will be discussed. Students will be encouraged to use theoretical perspectives as a framework that inform our interpretations of literature, art and other media.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce students to the basic issues in Western literary theory and criticism.
2. To acquaint students with the basic tenets of literary theory and criticism.
3. To acquaint students with the variety of theoretical approaches developed in the twentieth century.
4. To familiarize students with the recently developed theoretical apparatuses used to read literary texts
5. To enable students to use theory and criticism as an analytical instrument that can develop our close reading skills and research methodologies

Course Outcomes: After completing the course, the student shall be able to:

1. Appreciate the theoretical framework of literary texts
2. Engage in theoretical analysis of literary texts
3. Study and use various historical and contemporary approaches to literary texts
4. Use critical models to analyze various literary, visual, digital texts and other art forms
5. Develop their own interpretive and analytical abilities and contribute to ongoing conversations within literary studies

Evaluation:

This course will have 50 percent internal and 50 percent external evaluation.

Reading List:

The reading list is only indicative, and not exhaustive.

1. Allen, Graham. *Roland Barthes*. Routledge, 2004.
2. Culler, Jonathan. *Barthes: A Very Short Introduction*. OUP, 2002.
3. Mills, Sara. *Michel Foucault*. London, Routledge, 2005.
4. Gutting, Gary. *Foucault: A Very Short Introduction Vol. 122*. Oxford University Press, 2005.
5. Royle, Nicholas. *Jacques Derrida*. Routledge, 2003.
6. Dentith, Simon. *Bakhtinian Thought: An Introductory Reader*. Routledge, 2003.
7. Lane, Richard J. *Jean Baudrillard*. Routledge, 2008.

8. Homer, Sean. *Jacques Lacan*. Routledge, 2004.
9. Jaaware, Aniket. *Simplifications: An Introduction to Structuralism and Post-structuralism*. Orient Blackswan, 2001.
10. Selden, Raman, Peter Widdowson, and Peter Brooker. *A Reader's Guide to Contemporary Literary Theory*. Routledge, 2013.
11. Barry, Peter. *Beginning Theory: An Introduction to Literary and Cultural Theory*. University Press, 2020.
12. Richter, David H. *The Critical Tradition: Classic Texts and Contemporary Trends*. St. Martin's Press. 1989.
13. Lodge, David, and Nigel Wood, eds. *Modern Criticism and Theory: A Reader*. Pearson Education, 2008.
14. Lacan, Jacques. *Écrits : A Selection*. Translated by Alan Sheridan, Routledge, 2001.
15. Bakhtin, Mikhail. *The Dialogic Imagination: Four Essays*. Translated by Caryl Emerson and Michael Holquist, University of Texas Press, 1981.

ENG 652 MJ: Introduction to Comparative Literature (04 credits)

Concept: This course is meant to introduce students to the theories and practices of comparative literature. Comparative literature has been a major methodological tool for the humanities and has set itself as an independent discipline in its own right. This introductory module is meant to introduce comparative approaches to literary studies. Along with a discussion of theories and methods, the course will also consider concrete examples of literary forms and texts in the European and Indian traditions. Thus, there will be a comparative analysis of the novel as a form. Students are expected to make comparative analyses of some texts.

Course Objectives:

1. To enable students to understand the nuances involved in any comparative process
2. To enable students to understand the complexities of engaging in any comparative process
3. To introduce students to the methodologies comparative literature
4. To train students in comparative literary practices

Course Outcomes: After completing the course, the student shall be able to:

1. Engage in comparative literary analysis
2. Historicize and contextualize literary texts through comparative methodologies
3. Understand literary tools and concepts better through comparative methodologies
4. Understand the history of literary forms, their creation and reception through comparative literary practices

Evaluation:

The course will have 50 percent internal and 50 percent external evaluation

Reading List:

The reading list is only indicative, and not exhaustive.

1. Bassnett, Susan. *Comparative Literature: A Critical Introduction*. Oxford UK and Cambridge USA, Blackwell, 1993.
2. Bernheimer, Charles. *Comparative Literature in the Age of Multiculturalism*. Johns Hopkins UP, 1995
3. de Zepetnek, Steven Totosy. *Comparative Literature: Theory, Method, Application*. Editions Rodopi B.V, 1998.
4. Dev, Amiya, and Sisir Kumar Das (eds). *Comparative Literature: Theory and Practice*. IAS, 1989.
5. Dev, Amiya. *The Idea of Comparative Literature in India*. Papyrus, 1984
6. Guillen, Claudio. *The Challenge of Comparative Literature*. Harvard UP, 1993.
7. Jost, François. *Introduction to Comparative Literature*. Indianapolis : Pegasus, 1974.
8. Majumdar, Swapan. *Comparative Literature: Indian Dimesions*. Papyrus, 1987.
9. Warren, Austin, and Rene Wellek. *Theory of Literature*. Harvest, 1968.
10. Weisstein, Ulrich. *Comparative Literature and Literary Theory*. Indiana University Press, 1963.

ENG 653 MJ: Instructional Design (T2+P2= 04 credits)

Concept: Instructional design is a process pertaining to the schemata for the training programs and the production of instructional materials. Instructional design uses the principles of and approaches to the teaching and learning processes in general. It focuses on the learning-centered and the learner-centered approaches. The course concentrates on the use of instructional design in e-learning. It discusses some instructional design models based on the theoretical approaches derived from Merrill, Gagné, and the ADDIE model among others. The course demonstrates the stages of the basic process of designing and developing the e-learning contents including instructional materials and learners' learning activities, and learners' assessment and evaluation. In this relation, the focus will be on how to align and streamline the learning objectives, pedagogical approaches and content materials, how to maintain the principle of consistency across the stages of e-content development of a course and how to communicate the contents effectively and in engrossing ways. This course also includes introductory tool-training in Adobe Captivate, Microsoft PowerPoint, etc. Students are encouraged to do instructional design projects as a part of internal assessment.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce students to the basic concepts in instructional design
2. To acquaint students with the historical development of instructional design
3. To acquaint students with the variety of pedagogical approaches adopted and developed in instructional design
4. To familiarize students with designing and production stages of the instructional content
5. To impart basic training in the instructional design tools

Course Outcomes: After completing the course, the student shall be able to:

1. Engage with the theoretical framework used in instructional design
2. Study and use various theoretical approaches to analyze instructional content
3. Understand various stages of instructional content development
4. Develop their own interpretive and analytical abilities and contribute to instructional design
5. Use instructional design tools
6. Create instructional storyboarding

Evaluation:

The course will have 50 percent internal and 50 percent external evaluation. The practical component will be a part of the internal evaluation.

Reading List:

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ENG 660 MJ: Introduction to Digital Humanities (04 credits)

Concept: This course will help students develop a critical sense of the problems of the humanities in the age of digital technology. With the proliferation of digital technology and its use in every field of cultural activity, there is an increasing need to enhance the key skills in digital content management for the creation, preservation, delivery and study of cultural material. This course intends to focus on how digital technology can be used to enhance the study of the imaginative variety of cultural expression. Using theoretical methods and techniques alongside hands-on practice, the present course is an important addition to the ever-growing field of interdisciplinary research in the humanities.

Course Objectives:

1. To enable students to engage with Digital Humanities as an emerging field of interdisciplinary enquiry
2. To familiarize students with the scope of Digital Humanities in terms of research possibilities
3. To familiarize students with the tools and methods of Digital Humanities
4. To introduce students with the Digital Humanities practices in the Western and the Indian context

Course Outcomes: After completing the course, the student shall be able to:

1. Engage in research in the Digital Humanities
2. Familiarize with the developments in this field in the global context
3. Familiarize with the indigenous practices of Digital Humanities
4. Learn technological tools for collaborating with the Humanities

Evaluation:

This course will have 50 percent internal and 50 percent external evaluation.

Reading List:

The reading list is only indicative, and not exhaustive.

1. Chaudhuri, Sukanta. *The Metaphysics of Text*. Cambridge University Press, 2010.
2. Chaudhuri, Sukanta, ed. *Bichitra: The Making of an Online Tagore Variorum*. Springer, 2016.
3. Dodd, Maya, and Nidhi Kalra, eds. *Exploring Digital Humanities in India: Pedagogies, Practices, and Institutional Possibilities*. Taylor & Francis, 2020.
4. Mahoney, Michael S. "Digital History: A Guide to Gathering, Preserving, and Presenting the Past on the Web Daniel J. Cohen and Roy Rosenzweig." *Literary and Linguistic Computing*, Volume 22, Issue 1, April 2007, Pages 102–105, <https://doi.org/10.1093/lc/fql024>
5. Friedrich, Markus. *The Birth of the Archive: A History of Knowledge*. University of Michigan Press, 2018.
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ENG 661MJ: Literature and Gender in South Asia (04 credits)

Concept: Building upon the earlier course, Literature and Gender (ENG 562 MJ), this course aims at studying the peculiar constructions of gender with respect to the particularities of South Asian cultures, societies and economies. This course will be divided into two main components - the first component will focus on the ramifications of feminism in the South Asian context, and the second component will deal with Queer studies and the LGBTQ+ communities as represented through literary and cultural texts. The component on feminism will focus on conceptual understandings following from the earlier module that dealt with the Western literary texts. This component will also try to understand if the label 'feminism' works verbatim in the South Asian context as it does in the West. Select literary and cultural texts will be discussed in this regard. With respect to South Asian Queer Studies, the course looks at various areas - geographical and theoretical - in the context of which both heterosexism and queer existence have been studied, and how South Asian literature has articulated these realities. The LGBTQ+ component also studies the intersectionality of queerness with diverse phenomena such as mythology, nationalism and economics. Queer literature helps in understanding and exploring the liminal and complex spaces produced by these intersections.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce students to the basic concepts of gender and gender stereotypes through literary texts
2. To historicize and contextualize gender in the South Asian context
3. To discuss the specificities of queer existence and literature in South Asia, with respect to various theoretical positions
4. To study queer existence in South Asia in terms of its evolution and its diverse facets

Course Outcomes: After completing the course, the student will be able to:

1. Develop sensitivity to gender concepts and stereotypes in the South Asian context
2. Historicize and contextualize gender and its complex formations in South Asian societies
3. Identify gender and gendering in literary texts
4. Grapple with the myriad forms in which oppressive heterosexism can exist, and how its construction intersects with various other local ideological paradigms
5. Understand the particular ways in which LGBTQ theory and literature has shaped in South Asia

Evaluation:

This course will have 50 percent internal and 50 percent external evaluation

Reading List:

The reading list is only indicative, and not exhaustive.

1. Chandra, Sudhir. "Rukhmabai: Debate over Woman's Right to Her Person." *Economic and Political Weekly*, Nov. 2, Vol. 31, No. 44 (Nov. 2, 1996), pp. 2937-2947, 1996.
2. Charania, Moon. "Outing the Pakistani Queer: Pride, Paranoia and Politics in US Visual Culture." *Sexualities*, vol. 20, no. 1-2, pp. 41-64, 2017.
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9. Susie Tharu and K. Lalitha (eds.) *Women Writing in India*. The Feminist Press at the City University of New York, 1991.
10. Vanita, Ruth, and Saleem Kidwai. *Same-Sex Love in India: A Literary History*. Penguin Books, 2008.

ENG 662 MJ: Film Studies (T2+P2= 04 credits)

Concept: The course will introduce students to basic concepts in film studies, and will subsequently focus on the more theoretical aspects of film studies. The course also focuses on a brief historical account of filmmaking: early cinema, development of the classical Hollywood cinema, German expressionism, French impressionism and surrealism, Soviet montage, Italian neorealism and the French new wave. It will also focus briefly on the historical account of Indian film making. The course will address the question whether film can be conceived as a text. Accordingly, textual features of film will be discussed and analyzed. Basic terms that address the textuality of film will be discussed such as — shot and scene, auteur of film, diegesis of film, mise-en-scene, sound etc. Basics of cinematography and film editing will be analyzed along with film examples including Indian films among others. Theoretical aspects and issues in film studies such as authorship of film, film genre, ideology and film, film narrative, star studies will be discussed. Basic training in film making such as camera operation, shot taking, editing techniques will be conducted. Accordingly, students will be acquainted with the production and postproduction stages of film making. Students will be encouraged to make short films as a part of internal assessment of the course.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce students to the basic concepts and issues in Film Studies
2. To acquaint students with the historical development of film making
3. To acquaint students with the variety of theoretical approaches adopted and developed in Film Studies
4. To familiarize students with production and postproduction stages in filmmaking
5. To train students in the basics of camera operation and film editing
6. To enable students to use theoretical and analytical apparatuses that can develop our close reading of films and research methodologies

Course Outcomes: After completing the course, the student shall be able to:

1. Engage with the theoretical framework of Film Studies
2. Study and use various theoretical approaches to analyze film texts
3. Develop their own interpretive and analytical abilities and contribute to ongoing conversations within film studies
4. Participate actively in the production and postproduction stages of filmmaking
5. Operate camera and edit pro-filmic elements
6. Produce a short film

Evaluation:

This course will have 50 percent internal practical evaluation and 50 percent external theoretical evaluation.

Reading List:

The reading list is only indicative, and not exhaustive.

1. Bellour, Raymond. *The Analysis of Film*. Bloomington, Ind., Indiana Univ. Press, 2004.
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3. Bowen, Christopher J., and Roy Thompson. *Grammar of the Shot*. Focal Press. 2013.
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5. Katz, Steven Douglas. *Film Directing Shot by Shot: Visualizing from Concept to Screen*. Gulf Professional Publishing, 1991.
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12. Seymour Benjamin Chatman. *Story and Discourse: Narrative Structure in Fiction and Film*. Cornell University Press, 1980.
13. Stam, Robert. *Film Theory: An introduction*. John Wiley & Sons, 2017.
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15. Thompson, Roy, and Christopher Bowen. *Grammar of the Edit*. Routledge, 2012.

ENG 663 MJ: Introduction to Comics and Graphic Literature (04 credits)

Concept: The course introduces students to the sequential form of pictures and images. The course considers such sequential forms as art forms and focuses on comics, graphic novels, cartoons, animation, etc. The course will draw on interdisciplinary approaches for analysis. This will include semiotics, aesthetics, narratology, genres studies, and linguistics among others. The course will also focus on the historical account of the development of graphic conventions. The course addresses the question: whether the sequential form of pictures and images can be a text. Accordingly, the course will engage students to analyze elements of the structure of comics and other graphic forms. Textual analysis of comic strips, cartoons and graphic novels will be encouraged. Some graphic styles specific to Japanese comics such as manga will be discussed. Apart from the textual analysis, the course includes the discussion on the issues of genre division, representation of female characters and place of children in comics. Emphasis will also be given on the Indian comic strips such as Indrajal Comics.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce students to the basic concepts and issues in comics and graphic literature
2. To acquaint students with the historical development of graphic literature
3. To acquaint students with the variety of theoretical approaches adopted and developed in comics studies and graphic literature
4. To familiarize students with graphic and narrative styles in comics and graphic literature
5. To enable students to use theoretical approaches as an analytical instrument that can develop our close reading of comics and graphic literature, and develop research methodologies in this field

Course Outcomes: After completing the course, the student shall be able to:

1. Engage with the theoretical framework of comics and graphic literature
2. Study and use various theoretical approaches to analyze graphic texts
3. Develop their own interpretive and analytical abilities and contribute to ongoing conversations within comics studies and graphic literature
4. Engage with various graphic and narrative styles of storytelling

Evaluation:

This course will have 50 percent internal and 50 percent external evaluation.

Reading List:

The reading list is only indicative, and not exhaustive.

1. Aldama, Frederick Luis, ed. *The Oxford handbook of Comic Book Studies*. Oxford University Press, 2020.
2. Bramlett, Frank, Roy Cook, and Aaron Meskin, eds. *The Routledge Companion to Comics*. Routledge, 2016.
3. Cohn, Neil. *The Visual Language of Comics: Introduction to the Structure and Cognition of Sequential Images*. A&C Black, 2013.
4. Domsch, Sebastian, Dan Hassler-Forest, and Dirk Vanderbeke, eds. *Handbook of Comics and Graphic Narratives*. Vol. 11. Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG, 2021.

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ENG 684 RP: Research Projects (06 credits)
