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English / Literature

textual study, kinds of criticism, and the basics of editing. Recommended for

the first or second semester of graduate study.

ENGL698 Title Master's Thesis.

> **Prerequisites** Departmental approval.

Course Description Independent research project done under faculty advisement. Students must

> follow the MSU Thesis guidelines, which may be obtained from the Graduate School. Students should take ENGL 699 if they don't complete ENGL 698 within

the semester.

Master's Thesis Extension. ENGL699 Title

> **Prerequisites** ENGL 698.

Course Description Continuation of Master's Thesis Project. Thesis Extension will be graded as

ENGL699 **Course Description** IP (in Progress) until thesis is completed, at which time a grade of Pass or

Fail will be given.

ENLT315 Title American Indian Themes.

> **Prerequisites** ENWR 106 or HONP 101.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description "American Indian Themes" will be organized around the following topics:

> attitudes toward the land and animals; relationship to the divine and its manifestations, gods and goddesses; culture, specifically understood as arts and rituals; gender identities and family structures; political realities of a

> conquered people; contemporary status of American-Indians and their lives.

ENLT316 Title African, Asian and Caribbean Literature in English.

> ENWR 106 or HONP 101. **Prerequisites**

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description "African, Asian, and Caribbean Literature in English" will include four

> genres: prose, poetry, drama, and performance pieces. Significant connections will be drawn among the varieties of English and the thematic and critical

issues being raised by experts who are studying these literatures.

ENLT336 Title European Romanticism.

> ENFL 208 or ENWR 212 or ENWR 213 or ENWR 220 or ENGL 206 or ENGL 207 or ENGL **Prerequisites**

> > 240 or ENGL 241 or ENGL 250 or ENGL 252 or ENGL 256 or ENGL 260 or ENGL 262 or

ENGL 294 or ENGL 341 or ENGL 342.

Number and type of credits 3

Course Description

3 hours lecture.

Examination of the origins and development of Romantic literature in Europe,

ca. 1780 to 1830. Emphasis on comparative analysis of genres (poetry, drama, prose, memoir, and novellas) and themes common to Romantic-era writing, such

as nature, utopia, freedom, the grotesque, and the uncanny. Authors may include Goethe, Hoffmann, Kleist, Holderlin, and Heine; Rousseau, Hugo, Nerval, and Chateaubriand; as well as overlooked writers from the late

eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

ENLT349 Title

Contemporary Irish Literature.

Prerequisites ENWR 106 or HONP 101.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

Course Description

A study of contemporary Irish writers reflecting cultural, social, political, economic and class changes since the Irish Revival period. Writers include

Seamus Heaney, Roddy Doyle, Eavan Boland, and Brian Friel.

ENLT366 Title

African Myth and Literature.

Prerequisites

ENWR 106 or HONP 101.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

Course Description

The nature of the sub-Saharan experience and vision through African myths and

literary works within the context of culture, criticism and theory. Meets

World Cultures Requirement.

FNLT367

Contemporary African Literature.

Prerequisites

ENWR 106 or HONP 101.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

Course Description

Title

A comparative study of the literatures of African writers from countries with

a history of British colonialism dating from the 1960's to the present. Topics will include: forms of storytelling and narrative representation;

contemporary issues and themes in postcolonial texts; political and aesthetic frameworks; and dissemination of African literatures in a global market. ENLT

206 or 207 recommended. Meets World Cultures Requirement.

ENLT372 Title

Women Prose Writers.

Prerequisites

ENWR 106 or HONP 101.

Number and type of credits

3 hours lecture.

Course Description

Readings in the international fiction and non-fiction of women writers. The

focus will be on such themes as the nature of the family, changing

ENLT372 Course Description relationships between women and men, evolving concepts of the "feminine," the

impact of colonialism on gender related issues (i.e. work and women's

identity) and interrelationships between religion and women's lives.

ENLT373 Title Literary Modernism.

Prerequisites ENWR 106 or HONP 101.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The intellectual concepts of Futurism, Dada, Surrealism and Expressionism in

the early 20th century, which continue to influence literature and art.

ENLT374 Title Contemporary European Drama.

Prerequisites ENWR 106 or HONP 101.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Plays representing the themes, values and dramatic techniques of selected

British and continental (French, German, Italian, Russian and/or other)

dramatists.

ENLT375 Title Modern Drama: Ibsen to O'Neill.

Prerequisites ENWR 106 or HONP 101.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Major modern plays and the playwrights whose critical insights and historical

perspectives led to their unique contributions.

ENLT376 Title Modern European Novel.

Prerequisites ENWR 106 or HONP 101.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The creative expression of such novelists as Gide, Hesse, Kafka, Proust and

Woolf as shaped by events of the period 1910 to 1930, and how these works

influenced the future of the novel.

ENLT377 Title Speculative Fiction: Fantasy.

Prerequisites ENWR 106 or HONP 101.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The impossible and improbable in fairy tales, myth, legend, horror, sword and

sorcery, the supernatural and high fantasy as a critical mode. Technological

science fiction excluded.

ENLT378 Title Science Fiction.

Prerequisites ENWR 106 or HONP 101.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Fiction of the future that speculates and extrapolates from the physical and

social sciences, selected from both the classics and contemporary writings.

ENLT381 Title Comic and Satiric Tradition.

Prerequisites ENWR 106 or HONP 101.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Comic and satiric devices compared and exemplified historically from

Aristotle's time to the present.

ENLT398 Title Autobiography.

Prerequisites ENWR 106 or HONP 101.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Autobiographical readings, especially in letters, diaries, and journals, from

ancient times to the present. Emphasis on the aesthetics of autobiography, autobiography as the mirror of an age, and autobiography as a model of the

examined life.

ENLT464 Title Modern Poetry to T.S. Eliot.

Prerequisites ENWR 106 or HONP 101.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Works of the French symbolists and the Georgian and imagist poets of Britain,

the continent and America whose theories and principles underlie modern

poetics.

ENLT492 Title Seminar in Comparative Literature.

ENLT492 Prerequisites ENWR 106 or HONP 101; junior or senior English major.

Number and type of credits 3 hours seminar.

Course Description A culture, era, theme or literary approach studied through international

literary masterpieces. Enrollment limited. May be repeated without limit as

long as the topic is different.

ENLT513 Title Literary Criticism from 1800 to the Present.

Prerequisites ENLT 512.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The break from classical theory (notably by the Romantics) and the search,

principally in our own day, for new definitions of the nature and function of literature. Throughout the course, critical theory is related to the history, art, and principal writings of each period.

ENLT514 Title Theoretical Approaches to Literature.

Prerequisites Departmental approval.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description An in-depth study of late 19th and 20th Century theoretical approaches to

literature and issues of representation. Critical methodologies to be studied

will include: Formalism, Structuralism, Post-Structuralism, Historical

Materialism, Psychoanalysis, Feminism, Post-colonialism and New Historicism.

Students will study literary and/or filmic texts along with the critical

theories. Does not count towards the International Literature specialization,

as this is a required core course.

ENLT515 Title Ancient Tragedy.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Selected plays of Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, and Seneca in English

translation; origins of Greek and Roman tragedy; religion and myth in tragedy; Aristotelian criticism; stage production; the influence of ancient tragedy on

modern literature.

ENLT516 Title Ancient Comedy.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Study of selected plays of Aristophanes, Menander, Plautus, and Terence.

Topics include origins and development, staging, and theories of old and new

comedy at Athens and of Roman comedy, mime, farce, influences on later comedy.

ENLT517 Title Ancient Epic.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The Iliad, Odyssey, and Aeneid in English translation. Topics include ancient

and modern literary criticism of Homer and Virgil; oral versus literary epic; history, folklore, and saga in the ancient epic; basic epic themes (the nature of heroism, fate, people and the gods, etc.); Homeric and Virgilian influence

on subsequent literature.

ENLT535 Title The Enlightenment in Europe.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description A comparative study of literature and ideas in eighteenth-century Europe,

focusing on English, French, and German literature, with some attention to
Italian and Spanish. Major literary and philosophical trends are analyzed,
including the rational and satirical attack on traditional values and the
current of "sensibility" which stressed the powers of the emotions and the
senses. Works by Swift, Voltaire, Fielding, Diderot, Johnson, Rousseau,
Prevost, Goethe, Lessing, and others.

ENLT536 Title The Romantic Movement.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description The origins and or the origins and or the origins and or the origins are the origins and or the origins are the origins are the origins and or the origins are the origins are

The origins and development of romanticism in England and Germany are compared with the later triumph of the movement in France. Representative works of Chateaubriand, Goethe, Novalis, Kleist, Hoffmann, Heine, Musset, and Nerval are studied, and their themes compared with those of the English romantics.

ENLT536 Course Description (Taught in English. Recommended to French majors as a free elective.) Cross

listed with French, FREN 536.

ENLT565 Title Ibsen, Strindberg, and Shaw.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Intensive study of three great modern playwrights with an emphasis on dramatic

theory and criticism, social context, and literary/theatrical values.

ENLT569 Title Major Writers of Africa and the African Diaspora.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

The course will concentrate on literature from sub-Saharan Africa and the African diaspora and may include writers from the Caribbean, Asia, and the Americas. Discussion topics may address issues of place; power and its effects, including colonialism and slavery; gender relations, family structures, religious beliefs; the arts and other cultural expressions.

ENLT570 Title The Modern Novel.

Course Description

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Selected works by European, English, and Latin American masters, illustrating the evolution of the novel during the twentieth century. Works by James,

Proust, Kafka, Dos Passos, Woolf, Gide, Mann, Hesse, Stein, Beckett, and

others.

ENLT571 Title Trends in the Contemporary Novel.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description Significant fiction of the last fifty years from at least five countries.

Students will be introduced to a variety of fictional forms which will include

work from diverse geographical regions.

ENLT572 Title Modern Movements in the Arts.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description An interdisciplinary course which considers theories and practices in the arts

across cultures, beginning with classical modernism and its contemporary legacies. Emphasis on literature, with attention to the visual arts and/or

music and performance.

ENLT577 Title Film Studies.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description On a rotating basis, different cultural, historical, and aesthetic aspects of

American, British, or world film will be examined. See current announcement. Students may repeat Film Studies so long as the topic is different each time.

ENLT578 Title Science Fiction.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course compares international authors' contributions to science fiction,

focusing on those texts that highlight its history and meaning: fiction of the future that speculates and extrapolates from the physical and social sciences. It provides graduate students with the critical perspectives to explore the reach of speculative fiction across the globe. Students will become familiar with the roots of literary tropes such as utopias/dystopias and the uncanny,

through literature that interrogates what it means to be human.

ENLT599 Title Independent Study: International Literature.

Prerequisites Departmental approval.

Course Description The student completes a research project under the supervision of a member of

the graduate faculty. This course is designed to allow investigations into

areas not covered by regular courses and seminars. Permission of the graduate

program coordinator and of the project supervisor required before

registration. May be repeated once for a maximum of 6.0 credits as long as

the topic is different.

ENLT602 Title Seminar in International Literature.

Number and type of credits 3 hours seminar.

Course Description Advanced study of an author, genre, movement, theme or critical theory. See

ENLT602 Course Description current announcement for specific topic. Students may be repeated without

limit as long as the topic is different.

ENTR201 Title The Entrepreneurial Mindset and Innovation.

Prerequisites ENWR 105 or HONP 100.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This hands-on, highly interactive course is for all students interested in

someday starting or owning a business or enterprise, or just exploring how entrepreneurs think and innovate. Students pursuing any major or discipline will benefit from the lessons and real-life stories of guest entrepreneurs.

Students will explore creative problem solving and, in teams, develop and test problem solutions using an "opportunity discovery canvas" approach. Teams will receive guidance and feedback from instructors, mentors, and guest speakers. This course may be taken as a stand-alone course or as the first of

three courses leading to a Certificate in Entrepreneurship.

ENTR290 Title Selected Topics in Entrepreneurship.

Prerequisites ENWR 105 or HONP 100; departmental approval.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description An examination of topics not covered in existing entrepreneurship classes.

Course topics will vary to reflect current issues, emerging cross disciplinary intersections and student interest. Through experiential activities, guest speakers, current readings and/or case studies students are exposed to emerging interdisciplinary topics within the broad area of entrepreneurship.

May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits.

ENTR301 Title Creating Your Startup Business Model.

Prerequisites ENTR 201.

Corequisites ENTR 302.

Special Fee Special fee.

Number and type of credits 3 hours lecture.

Course Description This course takes students who have completed The Entrepreneurial Mindset and