# **Jadara University**

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#### **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

Faculty	ty Arts and Languages					
Department	English Language and Literature NQF			NQF level		
Course Title	Principles of Literary Criticism	Code	102351	D2351 Prerequisite		
Credit Hours	3 CH	Theory	√ Practical -		-	
Course Leader	Dr.Akram Shalghin	email	a.shalghin@jadara.edu.jo			
Lecturers		emails				
Lecture time	Sundays & Thursdays	Classroom	C 212	Attendance	Fulltime	
Semester	First	Production	24.10.2023	Updated		
Type of Teaching	☐ Face to Face	√ Blended	□ Online			

### **Short Description**

In this course, there will be a study of the basics and principles of literary criticism in the context of their socio-historical and cultural developments. There will be also a focus on modern critical tendencies that were introduced during the twentieth century.

#### **Course Objectives**

## The goals of this course are to:

- 1. To acquaint students with the various schools of criticism so that they have the proper background.
- 2. To analyse works of literature related to different genres critically.

#### **Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)**

## A. Knowledge - Theoretical Understanding

- a1. To enable students to discuss any literary topic and analyse it. (K1)
- a2. To teach students how to apply theory to practice. (K2)

## **B. Knowledge - Practical Application**

- a3. Understand the main techniques of analyzing literary work. (K3)
- a4. Understand the relation of the literary and social context to the modes of

expression. (K4)

C. Skills - Generic Problem Solving and Analytical Skills					
b1. Think critically and analytically in a systematic way. (S1)					
D. Skills - Communication, ICT, and Numeracy					
b2. Use of electronic journals and data bases (S3)					
b3. Use internet sites to read more about the subject.( S4)					
E. Competence: Autonomy, Responsibility, and Context					
c1. Form positive and healthy relationships with others. (C1)					
c2. Work in a team and encourage the spirit of cooperation .(C2)					
Teaching and Learning Methods					
☐ Face to Face Lectures ☐ Brain Storming √Synchronous remote ☐ Asynchronous remote					
<ul> <li>☐ Using Video</li> <li>☐ Discussions</li> <li>☐ Research Project</li> <li>☐ Case Study</li> <li>☐ Problem solving</li> </ul>					
Assessment Methods					
☐ Formative Assessment ☐ Quiz ☐ Lab Exam √ Homework					
□ Project Assessment $\sqrt{\text{Oral Presentation}}$ $\sqrt{\text{Midterm}}$ $\sqrt{\text{Final Exam}}$					

Course Contents							
Week	Hours	CILOs	Topics	Teaching & Learning Methods	Assessment Methods		
1.	3		Introduction	Lectures- Presentations- Class discussions -Team work			
2.	3		Mathew Arnold, Thomas Carlyle	Lectures- Presentations- Class discussions -Team work			
3.	3		Formalism & New Criticism	Lectures- Presentations- Class discussions -Team work			
4.	3		Psychoanalysis	Lectures- Presentations- Class discussions -Team work			
5.	3		Marxism	Lectures- Presentations- Class discussions -Team work			
6.	3		Feminism	Lectures- Presentations- Class discussions -Team work			
7.	3		Literature and Culture Cultural Materialism	Lectures- Presentations- Class discussions -Team work			

8.	3	New Historicism	Lectures- Presentations- Class discussions -Team work
9.	3	Mid-Term Exam	-
10.	3	Reception Theory	Lectures- Presentations- Class discussions -Team work
11.	3	Gender and Desire	Lectures- Presentations- Class discussions -Team work
12.	3	Postcolonialism	Lectures- Presentations- Class discussions -Team work
13.	3	Deconstructionism	Lectures- Presentations- Class discussions -Team work
14.	3	Defining Literature	Lectures- Presentations- Class discussions -Team work
15.	3	Revision	Lectures- Presentations- Class discussions -Team work
16.	3	Final Exam	

Infrastructure			
Textbook	Critical Theory Today by Lois Tyson		
References	Literary Theory: An Introduction by Jonathan Culler		
Required reading Literary Theory: An Introduction by Terry Eagleton			
<b>Electronic materials</b>	The Theory Toolbox by Jeffery Nealon & S. S. Giroux		
Other	Literary Theory & Criticism by Anne H. Stephens		

Course Assessment Plan						
Assessment Method		Grade	CILOs			
			A1	<b>A2</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>C1</b>
First	(Midterm)	30%	10 10 5 5			5
Secon	d (if applicable)					
Final	Exam	40%	10 10 10 10			10
Cours	sework	30%				
Coursework assessment	Assignments	10				
	Case study					
	Discussion and interaction		5	5		
	Group work activities		5			
	Lab tests and assignments					

	Presentations		5		
	Quizzes				
Total		100%			

## **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is claiming that someone else's work is your own. The department has a strict policy regarding plagiarism and, if plagiarism is indeed discovered, this policy will be applied. Note that punishments apply also to anyone assisting another to commit plagiarism (for example by knowingly allowing someone to copy your code).

Plagiarism is different from group work in which a number of individuals share ideas on how to carry out the coursework. You are strongly encouraged to work in small groups, and you will certainly not be penalized for doing so. This means that you may work together on the program. What is important is that you have a full understanding of all aspects of the completed program. In order to allow proper assessment that this is indeed the case, you must adhere strictly to the course work requirements as outlined above and detailed in the coursework problem description. These requirements are in place to encourage individual understanding, facilitate individual assessment, and deter plagiarism.