

COURSE TITLE: Literatura Anglesa dels segles XVII i XVIII

SEMESTER: annual

COURSE TEACHERS: Andrew Monnickendam (first semester) & Joan Curbet (second semester)

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT: class work and written exam.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTENT:

The aim of this course is to discuss and analyse the enormous cultural changes which the transformation from the Renaissance to the modern world brought about, as evidenced in the literature of the period.

First semester:

Module A - drama, Jonson, *Volpone* and Wycherley, *The Country Wife*

Module B - the literature of the English Civil War

Module C - prose and the early novel, Behn, *Oronooko* and Defoe, *Robinson Crusoe*

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

There are many editions of the plays and prose works, but there is no one recommended edition. However, good editions are, for Jonson, (ed) Gordon Campbell, *The Alchemist and Other Plays*, for Wycherley, (ed) Salgado, *Three Restoration Comedies* and for *Oronooko* either the Penguin or Norton edition. For the second module, a reading pack will be made available.

(2nd semester)

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT: -Class participation, a short paper and a final exam.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: The second part of the course will try to examine the English literature of the eighteenth century in relation to two main areas of discussion:

- 1) The changes in English culture, and in its forms of sexual and social behaviour, through the Augustan period.
- 2) The relationship between English literature and the wider context of the European Enlightenment.

The students are expected to contribute actively to the sessions, where the texts will be contextualised with the help of secondary (visual and audio-visual) material.

Required Reading:

- Samuel Richardson, *Clarissa* (selection)
- Richard B. Sheridan, *The School for Scandal*
- Voltaire, *Candide*
- Jonathan Swift, *Gulliver's Travel to Laputa*
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Confessions* (selection)
- Horace Walpole, *The Castle of Otranto*

(Most of this material will be included in a reading packet that will be available at the beginning of February 2001)