

Modern Catalan Literature

Code: 103078
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2501933 Journalism	OT	4	0

The proposed teaching and assessment methodology that appear in the guide may be subject to changes as a result of the restrictions to face-to-face class attendance imposed by the health authorities.

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Prerequisites

This course does not have prerequisites.

Objectives and Contextualisation

This optional, four-monthly course is programmed in the mention of Journalism specialized in culture and society (fourth year). Its formative objective is that the student, in addition to enjoying reading, knows how to contextualize the great currents of contemporary Catalan literature in relation to universal literary traditions. The student must also know the authors and the most relevant works and become familiar with the fundamental bibliography of the period and with the reading strategies that allow him/her to develop a critical discourse.

Competences

- Demonstrate adequate knowledge of Catalonias socio-communicative reality in the Spanish, European and global context.
- Develop critical thinking and reasoning and be able to relay them effectively in Catalan, Spanish and a third language.
- Disseminate the areas knowledge and innovations.
- Express oneself fluently and effectively in the two official languages, both orally and in writing.
- Research, select and arrange in hierarchical order any kind of source and useful document to develop communication products.

Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the Catalan, Spanish and European cultural context and apply it to the study of modern literary movements, particularly through collaboration with professional writers in the press.
2. Develop critical thinking and reasoning and be able to relay them effectively in Catalan, Spanish and a third language.
3. Disseminate the areas knowledge and innovations.

4. Express oneself fluently and effectively in Catalan, both orally and in writing, knowing how to make the most of language and literary resources that are most appropriate to the different media.
5. Read and analyse specialised texts and documents on any relevant subject and be able to summarise it or adapt it using language or lexicon that is understandable for mainstream audiences.
6. Research, select and arrange in hierarchical order any kind of source and useful document to develop communication products.

Content

1. The post-war period (1939-1959). The rupture of Francoism and the cultural and literary recovery. Periodization (1939-1946-1959). Historical and cultural description
2. Historical realism (1959-1968) as a programme of transformations and as aesthetics. The attempt to configure a literary movement and alternative proposals. Historical and cultural description
3. The 1970s and subsequent derivations. The "generation" of the seventies and the new literary models. A new attempt to institutionalise culture

Methodology

The subject is distributed in theoretical sessions and reading seminars that can be flipped classroom. The theoretical sessions have a panoramic and contextualizing character and include the commentary of literary and criticism texts. The reading sessions prepare the student for oral presentations.

The detailed calendar with the content of the different sessions and with the five required readings will be exposed on the day of presentation of the subject. Students will find all information on the Virtual Campus: the description of the activities, teaching materials, and any necessary information for the proper follow-up of the subject. In case of a change of teaching modality for health reasons, teachers will make readjustments in the schedule and methodologies.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Master classes	15	0.6	6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Specialized seminars	20	0.8	6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Type: Supervised			
Presentation of papers and debate	10	0.4	6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Type: Autonomous			
Self-employed work student	102	4.08	6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Assessment

1. Continuous

1.1. An oral presentation on a literary book of the period (except those consigned as course readings). A critical commentary on this book should be made for approximately 10 minutes. 5 %

1.2. A review of one of the obligatory reading books. Length: 700-800 words. 25 %

1.3. A receptive and participative attitude. 10 %

2. Final

2.1. A group work of 2 students: an in-depth interview with a current writer, who will have to be presented in audiovisual format (15 minutes) and subsequent debate. 25 %

2.2. A written test on the theoretical part, in which an open question must be answered on an aspect of the syllabus and also a critical commentary on a fragment of the readings commented. It will also include several brief questions about the group work presented. 25 %

In order to pass the course, the student will have to follow this evaluation point by point. Otherwise, it will be considered NOT EVALUABLE. The student who performs any irregularity (copy, plagiarism, identity theft...) that can lead to a significant variation of the qualification of an evaluation act, will be qualified with 0 in this act of evaluation. In case there are several irregularities, the final grade of the subject will be 0.

Only those students who have a median course of more than 3.5 and less than 5 will be able to participate in the reevaluation. In this case, the student will have to take a written test on the contents of the subject.

Note about the interview

The objectives of an interview with a writer should be, at the very least:

- 1) to make known the trajectory and the most outstanding constants of the literary work of the person being interviewed;
- 2) comment in depth on the meaning of their works, based on prior documentation, the more exhaustive and detailed the better (reading of works, research on the author, etc.).

Care must be taken to ensure that the presentation is attractive and that the viewing works technically. Once edited, the interviews must be published in a virtual portal in order to recover them and avoid technical problems.

You can interview any active writer who is part of the Associació d'Escriptors en Llengua Catalana (<http://www.escriptors.cat/>).

You can be inspired by the following journalistic references: Montserrat Roig, Josep Maria Espinàs, Baltasar Porcel or Bernard Pivot. The content, cohesion and coherence of the result will be valued above all.

Qualification criteria

1. Review and oral exposition: capacity of critical deepening, analysis and careful writing/expression.
2. Interventions: participation in the debate, critical readings and relevant consultations.
3. Group work: documentation, depth and coherence of the interview.
4. Written test: capacity for analysis and synthesis, relation of ideas, careful writing.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
1 text comment	25 %	0	0	6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Group work	25 %	0	0	6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Interventions in seminars	10 %	0	0	2, 4
Oral expression	15 %	0	0	6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Written test	25 %	3	0.12	6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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Joaquim Molas (dir.), *Història de la literatura catalana. Part moderna*, vols. VIII. IX, X i XI, Barcelona: Ariel, 1986-1987.

Vicent Simbor, *Els fonaments de la literatura contemporània al País Valencià (1900-1939)*, Barcelona: Institut de Filologia Valenciana / Publicacions de l'Abadia de Montserrat, 1988.

On current Catalan literature

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Broch, Àlex; Cornudella, Joan (cur.), *Novel·la catalana avui. 2000-2016*, Juneda, Fonoll, 2017.

Broch, Àlex; Cornudella, Joan; Foguet, Francesc (cur.), *Teatre català avui. 2000-2017*, Juneda, Fonoll, 2018.

Camps, Josep; Dasca, Maria (cur.), *La narrativa catalana al segle XXI. Balanç crític*, Barcelona, Societat Catalana de Llengua i Literatura (filial de l'IEC), 2019.

Gassol, Olívia; Bagur, Òscar (cur.), *La poesia catalana al segle XXI. Balanç crític*, Barcelona, Societat Catalana de Llengua i Literatura (filial de l'IEC), 2018.

Basic webography

Traces. Base de datos de lengua y literatura catalanas <http://traces.uab.cat/>

Another resources <http://www.traces.uab.es/tracesbd/altresrecursos/literatura.html>

Software

There is no specific program required.