

English Romantic Literature

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ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500245 English Studies	OB	2	2
2501902 English and Catalan Studies	OB	2	2
2501907 English and Classics Studies	OB	2	2
2501910 English and Spanish Studies	OB	2	2
2501913 English and French Studies	OB	2	2

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: english (eng)
Some groups entirely in English: Yes
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Prerequisites

In order to take this subject, we recommend that you should previously have taken "Literatura Anglesa del s. XX" (C20 English Literature), a first-year subject in the Degree of English Studies, and "Literatura Victoriana" (Victorian Literature) in the first semester of the second year of study for this degree.

We also recommend that you should at all times bear in mind the content taught in the first-year subject "Història i Cultura de les Illes Britàniques" (The History and Culture of the British Isles).

An initial level of English of between C1 (Advanced) and C2 (Proficiency) of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is required for this subject. With C1, students can understand a broad range of extended and complex texts, and recognise the implicit meaning of such texts; express themselves with fluency and spontaneity without having to evidently search for words or expressions sense; use the language in a flexible and efficient way for social, academic and professional purposes; produce clear, well-structured and detailed texts on complex subjects, and demonstrate a controlled use of organizational structures, connectors and mechanisms of coherence. With C2, students can understand practically anything that they read or hear without effort; summarise information deriving from diverse written or spoken sources; reconstruct facts and arguments, and present these in a coherent fashion; express themselves spontaneously, with fluency and precision, distinguishing subtle nuances of meanings even in the most complex of situations.

Objectives and Contextualisation

Literatura del Romanticisme Anglès (British Romanticism) provides an introduction both to the English poetry produced during the period of Romanticism in the British Isles (c.1780 to c.1830) and to representative works of English novelistic fiction written in the same period. The subject involves the reading, analysis, debate and interpretation of the selected works. The academic training deriving from this subject is essential for all subsequent courses in this degree relating to English Literature in the sense that the principal aim of this subject is to prepare students to be competent and effective readers, critical thinkers and analytical writers.

On successfully completing *Literatura del Romanticisme Anglès*, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a good level of reading knowledge as regards the key literary works of English Romanticism
- Produce basic literary criticism through essays and presentations.
- Use the resources of any university library relating to material on the literature of the English Romanticism.
- Express an informed opinion on the literary texts studied throughout this course.

Competences

English Studies

- Critically assessing the scientific, literary and cultural production in the English language.
- Demonstrate a comprehension of the relationship between factors, processes and phenomena of linguistics, literature, history and culture, and explaining it.
- Demonstrate they know a wide variety of texts in English language of any mean (oral, written, audiovisual) and recognising implicit meanings.
- Distinguish and contrast the various theoretical and methodological models applied to the study of the English language, its literature and its culture.
- Identify the main literary, cultural and historical currents in the English language.
- Produce clear and well structured and detailed texts in English about complex topics, displaying a correct use of the organisation, connection and cohesion of the text.
- Rewrite and organize information and arguments coming from several sources in English and presenting them in a coherent and summarised way.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.

English and Catalan Studies

- Critically assessing the scientific, literary and cultural production in the English language.
- Demonstrate a comprehension of the relationship between factors, processes and phenomena of linguistics, literature, history and culture, and explaining it.
- Demonstrate they know a wide variety of texts in English language of any mean (oral, written, audiovisual) and recognising implicit meanings.
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English and Classics Studies

- Critically assessing the scientific, literary and cultural production in the English language.
- Demonstrate a comprehension of the relationship between factors, processes and phenomena of linguistics, literature, history and culture, and explaining it.
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English and Spanish Studies

- Critically assessing the scientific, literary and cultural production in the English language.
- Demonstrate a comprehension of the relationship between factors, processes and phenomena of linguistics, literature, history and culture, and explaining it.
- Demonstrate they know a wide variety of texts in English language of any mean (oral, written, audiovisual) and recognising implicit meanings.
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English and French Studies

- Critically assessing the scientific, literary and cultural production in the English language.
- Demonstrate a comprehension of the relationship between factors, processes and phenomena of linguistics, literature, history and culture, and explaining it.
- Demonstrate they know a wide variety of texts in English language of any mean (oral, written, audiovisual) and recognising implicit meanings.
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Learning Outcomes

1. Analysing and interpreting in a basic level literary texts in English of periods preceding the contemporary era.
2. Analysing and interpreting texts in a medium level about the literary genres and literary criticism in English.
3. Appropriately place literary texts in English of periods preceding the contemporary era in their corresponding linguistic context.
4. Appropriately placing literary texts in English of periods preceding the contemporary era in their corresponding historical and cultural context.
5. Appropriately placing literary texts in English of periods preceding the contemporary era in their corresponding linguistic context.
6. Carry out oral presentations in English about topics related to literary texts in English of periods preceding the contemporary era.
7. Carrying out oral presentations in English about topics related to literary texts in English of periods preceding the contemporary era.
8. Communicating in the studied language in oral and written form, properly using vocabulary and grammar.
9. Compare in a medium level the methodologies of literary criticism in English.
10. Comparing in a medium level the methodologies of literary criticism in English.
11. Contextualize literary texts in contemporary times before in its corresponding English language environment.

12. Describing the historical and thematic evolution of the literary text in English of periods preceding the contemporary era.
13. Distinguish the main ideas from the secondary ones and summarising the contents of contemporary literary texts in English.
14. Distinguishing the main ideas from the secondary ones and summarising the contents of literary texts of periods preceding the contemporary era.
15. Distinguishing the main ideas from the secondary ones and summarising the contents of primary and secondary texts related to the English literature of periods preceding the contemporary era.
16. Draw up brief argumentative essays or text comments in English about topics related to literary texts in English of periods preceding the contemporary era.
17. Drawing up brief argumentative essays or text comments in English about topics related to literary texts in English of periods preceding the contemporary era.
18. Effectively communicating and applying the argumentative and textual processes to formal and scientific texts.
19. Identifying the main currents, authors, genres and texts of the main literary texts in English of periods preceding the contemporary era.
20. Localise secondary academic sources in the library or on the Internet related to the English literature of periods preceding the contemporary era.
21. Localising secondary academic sources in the library or on the Internet related to the English literature of periods preceding the contemporary era.
22. Make judgements of value in relation to the literary criticism in English associated with the English literature of periods preceding the contemporary era.
23. Making judgements of value in relation to the literary criticism in English associated with the English literature of periods preceding the contemporary era.
24. Participating in face-to-face and virtual debates in English about topics related to literary texts in English of periods preceding the contemporary era.
25. Summarise the content of primary and secondary academic sources related to the English literature of periods preceding the contemporary era.
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Content

UNIT 1: First-Generation Romantic Poets (Blake, Wordsworth, Coleridge)

UNIT 2: Second-Generation Romantic Poets (Byron, Shelley, Keats)

UNIT 3: Mary Shelley: *Frankenstein*

UNIT 4: Jane Austen: *Pride and Prejudice*

Methodology

1 ECTS credit = 25 teaching hours > 6 credits = 150 hours

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			
In-class reading and debate	15	0.6	10, 23, 24
Individual study	25	1	12, 14, 15, 19

Lectures	30	1.2	7, 19, 24
Type: Supervised			
Commentary writing	25	1	4, 5, 15, 23, 21, 17, 26
Type: Autonomous			
Individual reading	55	2.2	1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 19

Assessment

Assessment is based on the following:

- 1 take-home critical commentary (2 texts) of a first- and second-generation Romantic poem= 25%. [Task assigned after finalising Units 1 & 2]
- 1 Short writing activity (take-home task) on Mary Shelley's Frankenstein = 20%. [To be written at home on finalising Unit 3]
- 1 Essay on Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice = 45%. [Essay submitted on final day of course or before; dates for submitting the proposal will be confirmed by the lecturers during the course]. If the lecturer requires a proposal to be submitted separately (see "The essay on Austen", below) , the grading percentages are as follows: proposal 10%; essay 35% [total, 45%].
- Class participation and contribution = 10%

With the exception of the essay-proposal submission, all definitive assessment dates will be published in the class calendar at the start of the course.

The critical commentary will require students to write a critical appreciation (350-500 words) of (i) a first-generation and (ii) a second-generation Romantic poem.

The short writing activity (Mary Shelley) requires a text of 500-1000 word that provides a personal and less formal view by the student on this novel (specific task to be confirmed).

The essay on Austen is a text of 1000 words (approx.), duly supported by cited critical sources (a minimum of three); its bibliography must be correctly formatted. The topic is chosen from a list of possible questions. Depending on the class group, the lecturer may require students to submit a proposal for the essay several weeks prior to the final submission deadline for the definitive essay itself. In this case, the proposal will be weighted as 10% and the essay as 35% (total weighting for the combined assignment: 45%)

- Grades awarded for certain assessment activities may, with the lecturer's approval, be improved if the student records brief related video content for the department's YouTube channel. This will be confirmed in class during the course.
- ALL OBLIGATORY READING MUST BE DULY CARRIED OUT. Any indication that a student has not diligently completed the course reading may negatively affect final assessment.
- Assessment is continuous; level of English will be taken into account in all written work and for the final-assessment grade.
- All assessment activities are obligatory in order to pass the subject. (See "Reassessment".)
- On carrying out each assessment activity, lecturers will inform students (on Moodle) of the procedures to be followed for reviewing all grades awarded, and the date on which such a review will take place.

Procedure for reviewing submitted work:

All students have the right to a personalised tutorial (in the lecturer's office) in order to review their submitted work. However, students lose the right to this review if they do not collect their work within the dates stipulated by the teacher. At the time of each activity, the lecturer will inform the class (by Moodle) of the procedure and dates of the review process.

Reassessment:

Reassessment for this subject requires a content-synthesis exam (date confirmed during the course), for which all the following conditions are applicable:

- The student must previously have submitted a minimum of two-thirds of the course-assessment items.
- The student must previously have obtained an average overall grade of 3.5. or higher.
- The maximum grade than can be obtained through reassessment is 5.0.

Reassessment is available ONLY to students who have failed initial assessment; it is NOT available to students who have passed but wish to improve their final grade.

Students will obtain a Not assessed/Not submitted course grade unless they have submitted a minimum of two-thirds of the course-assessment items.

On presentation of a doctor's note, students may be given the chance to do the reassessment exam on a date and at a time arranged with the lecturer.

Plagiarism:

- Total or partial plagiarism of any of the assessment activities will automatically be awarded a "fail" (that is, zero) for the plagiarised item.
- Plagiarism is copying from unidentified sources and presenting this as original work (this includes copying phrases or fragments from the internet and adding them without modification to a text which is presented as original).
- Plagiarism is a serious offence. Students must learn to respect the intellectual property of others, identifying any source they may use, and take responsibility for the originality and authenticity of the texts they produce.

In the event of a student committing any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade awarded to an assessment activity, the student will be given a zero for this activity, regardless of any disciplinary process that may take place. In the event of several irregularities in assessment activities of the same subject, the student will be given a zero as the final grade for this subject.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
1. Take-home critical commentary of first- and second-generation Romantic poetry	25%	0	0	1, 2, 10, 9, 11, 4, 3, 5, 12, 14, 15, 13, 23, 22, 18, 8, 6, 19, 21, 20, 17, 16, 26, 25
2. Short take-home writing assignment on Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein"	20%	0	0	1, 2, 10, 11, 4, 3, 5, 12, 14, 15, 13, 23, 22, 18, 8, 19, 21, 20, 17, 16, 26, 25
3. Essay on Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice"	45%	0	0	1, 2, 10, 9, 11, 4, 3, 5, 12, 14, 15, 13, 23, 22, 18, 8, 19, 21, 20, 17, 16, 26, 25
4. Participation in class discussion and debates	10%	0	0	1, 2, 10, 9, 11, 4, 5, 12, 14, 15, 13, 23, 22, 18, 8, 7, 6, 19, 24, 26, 25

Bibliography

UNITS 1-2 (Romantic Poetry):

Abrams, M. H. (ed.), *The Norton Anthology of English Literature*, volume 2, Norton & Company, 1986.

Webs

- Norton Anthology Resources on Romanticism: <http://www.wwnorton.com/college/english/nael/romantic/welcome.htm>
- English Literature on the Web: <http://www.lang.nagoya-u.ac.jp/~matsuoka/EngLit.html>
- Voice of the Shuttle: <http://vos.ucsb.edu/index.asp>
- BUB Link: English Literature General: <http://bubl.ac.uk/Link/e/englishliterature-general.htm>

UNIT 3 (Mary Shelley): *Frankenstein*. (Oxford University Press, 2008 [1818], Ed. M. K. Joseph).
<http://bit.ly/FKNSTN>.

UNIT 4: (Jane Austen). *Pride and Prejudice*. (Oxford University Press, 2008 [1813], Ed. James Kinsley).
http://bit.ly/PR_PR.

All texts read on this course can be found in electronic format on the Digital Bibliography for Romanticism through the following link: <http://blogs.uab.cat/romanticismbibliography>

OTHER RECOMMENDED TEXTS

Annotated Anthologies of Romantic Literature

Kermode, Frank et. al. (eds.), *The Oxford Anthology of English Literature, volume II. "1800 to the Present"*, OUP, 1973.

Martin, Brian (ed.), "The Nineteenth Century (1798-1900)", *Macmillan Anthologies of English Literature, volume 4*, Macmillan, 1989.

Histories of English Literature

Baugh, Albert C. et al., *A Literary History of England*, 1967.

Ford, Boris (ed.), *From Blake to Byron, the New Pelican Guide to English Literature, volume 5*, Penguin Books, 1982.

Sanders, Andrew, *The Short Oxford History of English Literature*, Clarendon Press, 1994.

Contexts

Briggs, Asa, *A Social History of England*, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1994.

Butler, Marilyn, *Romantics, Rebels and Reactionaries*, OUP, 1981.

Furet, François (ed.), *El Hombre Romántico*, Alianza Editorial, 1995.

Hobsbawm, Eric, *The Age of Revolution*, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1972.

Morgan, Kenneth O. (ed.), *The Oxford History of Britain*, OUP, 1984.

Paz, Octavio, *Los Hijos del Limo*, Seix Barral, 1987.

Criticism

Abrams. M.H. (ed.), *English Romantic Poets. Modern Essays in Criticism*, OUP, London, 1975.

Bloom, Harold, *The Visionary Company*, Cornell University Press, 1971.

Frye, Northrop, *Fearful Symmetry. A Study of William Blake*, Princeton University Press, 1969.

Jones, Alun R. and Tydeman, William (eds.), *Coleridge: The Ancient Mariner and Other Poems*, Casebook Series, Macmillan, 1990.

---. *Wordsworth: Lyrical Ballads*, Casebook Series, Macmillan, 1988.

Kraft, Elizabeth. "Anna Letitia Barbauld's 'Washing-Day' and the Montgolfier Balloon." *Literature and History* 4.2 (1995): 25-41.

"Observations on Female Literature in General, Including Some Particulars Relating to Mrs. Montagu and Mrs. Barbauld." *The Westminster Magazine* (June 1776): 283-285.

Vargo, Lisa. "The Case of Anna Laetitia Barbauld's 'To Mr Coleridge.'" *The Charles Lamb Bulletin New Series* No. 102 (April 1998): 55-63.

Watson, J. R., *English Poetry of the Romantic Period 1789-1830*, Longman Literature in English Series, Longman, 1992.

Wu, Duncan (ed.), *A Companion to Romanticism*, Blackwell, 1998.

Jane Austen: Selected Biographies & Critical Studies

Shields, Carol. *Jane Austen*. London: Phoenix, 2001.

Spence, Jon. *Becoming Jane Austen: A Life*. London and New York: Hambledon and London, 2003.

Tomalin, Claire. *Jane Austen: A Life*. (Revised & Updated Edition). London: Penguin, 2000.

Butler, Marilyn. *Jane Austen and the War of Ideas*. (1987 edition with a revised introduction). Oxford, UK: Oxford UP, 1987.

Copeland, Edward and McMaster, Juliet (Eds). *The Cambridge Companion to Jane Austen*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge UP, 1997.

Gard, Roger. *Jane Austen's Novels: The Art of Clarity*. New Haven and London: Yale UP, 1992.

Tanner, Tony. *Jane Austen*. Hampshire & London: Macmillan Education LTD, 1986.

Historical Context (History, Society, Politics, Religion and Literary Traditions)

Copeland, Edward. "Money". *The Cambridge Companion to Jane Austen*. Copeland, Edward, and McMaster, Juliet (Eds). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge UP, 1997.

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Grundy, Isobel. "Jane Austen and Literary Traditions". *The Cambridge Companion to Jane Austen*. Copeland, Edward and McMaster, Juliet (Eds). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge UP, 1997.

Kelly, Garry. *English Fiction of the Romantic Period, 1789-1830*. London & New York: Longman, 1989.

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---. "Romantic Fiction". *Cambridge Companion to British Romanticism*. Stuart Curran (Ed). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge UP, 1993.

Pool, Daniel. *What Jane Austen Ate and Charles Dickens Knew: From Fox Hunting to Whist-The Facts of Daily Life in Nineteenth-Century England*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1993.

Sales, Roger. *Jane Austen and Representations of Regency England*. London and New York: Routledge, 1994.

Software

The UAB Virtual Campus (<https://cv.uab.cat>)