

Paper 2
English CORE: Semester 2
Forms, Genres and Concepts of English Literature
ENG020104
(External Evaluation: 60 + Internal Assessment 40): Total Marks 100
4 Credits
(15 Classes Per Credit)

Graduate Attributes: Course Objective

This paper is designed to introduce students to the major forms, genres and concepts of English literature. Students will here be expected to familiarise themselves with the themes, ideas and different generic dimensions of literary writing and practice. The topics are broad and general enough to be readily manageable in the second semester and have been selected with a view to enable students to connect and associate these concepts and forms with reference to texts and their specific contexts.

Key Features

- A genre-based focus on English literary practice.
- An engagement with the essential forms for contextualising literature.
- A focus on forms of textual writing and their impact in the shaping of literary traditions.
- A close processing of generic and formative imperatives in the development of the primary markers in English literature
- An engagement that enables the placement of English literary studies within a broad but grounded spectrum of reading processes that open new pathways of critical reception

Course Outcome:

At the end of this course, the students would be able to:

CO1: Identify different types of writing and practice in English literature

CO2: Classify the genres and concepts of English literature over different historical periods

CO3: Apply knowledge of forms, genres and concepts in interpreting literary texts

CO4: Compare literary forms, genres, and concepts across different historical periods.

CO5: Evaluate the growth of various English literary traditions

Unit 1: Forms and Genres in Poetry (1 Credit)

- The Epic in English and the Western World
- Sonnet Writing and Sonnet Traditions
- Elegies and Traditions of Lament Verse in English
- Lyric Writing Poetic Practice
- Satirical Poetry

Unit 2: Forms and Genres in Fiction (1 Credit)

- The Novel as Narrative
- The Short Story in English
- The Picaresque Novel

- Realism, Naturalism and the Novel
- The Novella in English Literature
- Postmodern Fiction

Unit 3: Forms and Genres in Drama (1 Credit)

- Tragedy in English Literature
- Comedy: Types and Forms in Comic Theatrical Practice
- Farce in English literary history
- Music in the Theatre
- Tragicomedy
- Melodrama

Unit 4: Basic Terms & Themes (1 Credit)

Absurd Drama | Novel of Manners | Comedy of Manners | The Stream of Consciousness Novel | Poetic Drama | Science Fiction | Crime Fiction | Dramatic Monologue | The Bible and English Prose | The Historical Novel | Autobiography | Biography | The Self-Reflexive Novel | Metafiction | Drama of Ideas | Point of View (PoV) | The Essay | The Periodical Essay | The Personal Essay | Letters by Writers

Recommended Reading:

Chris Baldick. *The Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms*, Oxford: OUP, 2015

M.H. Abrams and Geoffrey Galt Harpham. *A Glossary of Literary Terms*, Eleventh edition, Wadsworth, 2015

Ross Murfin and Supriya Ray. *The Bedford Glossary of Critical & Literary Terms*, Fourth edition, Bedford, 2019

J.A. Cuddon and M.A.R. Habib. *The Penguin Dictionary of Literary Terms and Literary Theory*, Fifth Edition, London: Penguin, 2015