

## **EN2805 Modern Literature in English : An Introduction**

### **Course Aims & Objectives:**

This course relates the current literature of the English speaking world to the issues that are transforming our times. It will:

1. introduce students' (at Bachelor, Postgraduate and Research Degree Levels) to late 20<sup>th</sup> century literatures in English
2. explore themes and forms of contemporary literature
3. introduce students (at Bachelor, Postgraduate and Research Degree Levels) to a range of key writers: poets, playwrights, novelists and short story writers
4. investigate the relevance of works of literature to our times
5. explore the effects of contemporary literature on present day consciousness
6. explore the divergence of high literature and popular culture

**Units:** 3

**Level:** B2

**Medium of Instruction:** English

### **Keyword Syllabus:**

Literature as an expression of the times we live in. Literature as a way of interpreting postmodern society. Major modern authors. Influential plays, poems, novels and short stories. Literature and popular culture. Literature as a contemporary social phenomenon.

### **Teaching Pattern:**

Duration of course: 1 semester

Current mix of lecture/tutorial/laboratory, other: 3 lectures

### **Assessment Pattern:**

Examination duration: Nil

Percentage distribution of marks for coursework, examination, other: 100% coursework

Grading pattern: Standard (A+AA-...F)

**Pre-requisite(s):** Nil

**Pre-cursor(s):** Nil

**Equivalent Course(s):** Nil

### **Related Links**

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