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Dramatic literature II

COURSE GUIDE

BACHELOR'S IN PERFORMING ARTS AND SCREEN ACTING
Course 2025/2026

Identificación de la asignatura

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| <i>Duration</i> | Annual |
| <i>Credits</i> | 3 ECTS |
| <i>Modality</i> | In-person |
| <i>Language</i> | English |
| <i>Faculty</i> | Performing Arts and Music |
| <i>Teacher</i> | Raquel Morales |

Course presentation

Study and review of some of the most important dramatic texts in the history of literature, from the 18th century to the present day. Linking research to the social, political and artistic movements of each aesthetic. Main authors; analysis and understanding of texts and artistic movements; introduction and discussion of modern dramatic literature from the 18th century to the new theatre and postmodernism.

Student competencies

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| CG01 | Manage information from different sources and apply it to the area of stage and screen acting. |
| CG02 | Generate own artistic concepts and develop the ability of expressing them through the tools and language of the stage and/or performing arts. |
| CG03 | Apply the most appropriate working methods to overcome the challenges in the study and practice of individual and/or collective acting, seeking excellence and quality. |
| CG05 | Solve problems and generate work dynamics in multidisciplinary environments. |
| CG06 | Develop in professional practice a professional ethic based on esthetic, environmental and diversity observation and sensibility |
| CG08 | Present in a written and spoken way the content and objectives of one's professional activity both to a non-professional public and to a specialized one, using correct technical and general vocabulary, both in Spanish and in a foreign language. |
| CG09 | Know different study and research methodologies for expanding the ability to a continuous development and innovation in one's activity within the performing arts and audiovisual industries. |
| CG10 | Develop critical discourses towards personal and interpersonal activity adapting to cultural, social, artistic and professional changes. |
| CE01 | Acquire a comprehensive, critical vision of the history of the performing arts, its relationship to audiovisual culture, and the most influential trends in the artistic disciplines. |
| CE03 | Analyze and comment all types of dramatic texts and audiovisual scripts, identifying and contemplating their narrative elements and expressive functions for a possible translation into a stage language. |

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of this course, each student must be able to:

1. Identify and name the most historically important literary dramatic works from the 18th century to the present day.
2. Associate different dramatic works with the social, political and artistic movements of their time.
3. Identify the characteristics and innovation of the main authors and their dramatic works, from the 18th century to the present day.
4. Use a complex artistic language.
5. Compose a written or oral discourse that relates different literary works with artistic movements and socio-cultural contexts.
6. Take a critical approach to cultural discourses and how stage works have varied over the years.
7. Go deeper into the analysis and comprehension of texts and artistic movements.

Teaching methodology

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| <i>MD1</i> | Participatory lecture. |
| <i>MD2</i> | Case studies and debate. |
| <i>MD3</i> | Problem resolution and discussion of results. |
| <i>MD5</i> | Cooperative and collaborative learning. |
| <i>MD6</i> | Tutorials and guidance. |

Course content

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| <i>Content</i> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. German and French Romanticism. 2. Spanish Romanticism. 3. Melodrama, bourgeois drama, romantic drama. 4. From naturalism to realism. 5. Symbolism. 6. The avant-garde. 7. Surrealist and absurdist theatre. 8. Contemporary tragedy. 9. Political, social and poetic theatre. 10. Post-dramatic theatre. 11. References of the end of the 20th century. 12. References and trends at the dawn of the 21st century. |
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Learning activities

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| AF1 | Theory and combination theory-practice learning. | 12 horas |
| AF2 | Classroom/lab exercises and practice. | 9 horas |
| AF4 | Arts appreciation activities: seminars, visits to exhibitions or viewings of visual/audiovisual works. | 6 horas |
| AF5 | Research activities: search and selection of documentation, reading of support materials and bibliographic and visual references. | 20 horas |
| AF7 | Assessment | 3 horas |
| AF8 | Self-study of theoretical content and autonomous assignment work and practical activities. | 40 horas |

** The hours assigned to the different learning activities may vary depending on the academic needs of the course, the group or the teaching team.*

Assessment

GENERAL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

ATTENDANCE

The classes are in-person, and attendance is mandatory, as it is a determining factor in the continuous assessment system, as well as in class attitude and participation. However, in exceptional cases due to health situations or family reconciliation, students may request online access as a methodological adaptation (for more information, please contact the student department).

MARKS

Continuous Assessment is a comprehensive assessment of each student's results judged on the assessment criteria described in the following section, on a scale of 0 to 10 as provided in current legislation.

Students wishing to bring up their grade in the extraordinary/re-assessment period must first contact the Registrar's Office to expressly waive in writing all of the marks they obtained in the regular assessment period. Their final assessment mark will be the mark obtained in re-assessment.

SPELLING AND EXPRESSION

Spelling and written expression are taken into account in the marking of written examinations and assignments. Written examinations cannot contain more than 2 spelling errors or 10 accent errors (omitted or misplaced). Assignments completed outside of the classroom may not contain more than 1 error.

UNIVERSITY WRITTEN REPORTS

These must have a title page, table of contents and bibliography listing at least 4 sources. These works must be original. Excerpts from other authors must be properly cited. Demonstrable plagiarism is an academic offence. If one student copies the work of another student, both shall be held accountable.

SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

REGULAR ASSESSMENT PERIOD

The teaching team will provide the details/specifications on the content or submission of assessment tasks; this information will be given in class or in a document made available to the student on the Virtual Course Space (in Spanish, *Aula Virtual*).

Assignments not submitted by the deadlines set by the teaching team will receive an assessment mark of 0.

| Assessment task (*) | Revaluable/non-revaluable | Minimum mark yes/no | % of final mark |
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| SE1 In-class tests and examinations (oral and/or written). | Revaluable | Yes | 35% |
| SE2 Assignments and projects. | Revaluable | Yes | 20% |
| SE3 Continuous assessment: weekly tasks and homework, periodical reports, problem resolution. | Non-revaluable | Yes | 30% |
| SE5 Attitude and participation. | Non-revaluable | Yes | 15% |
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(*) Records and evidence of all of the assessment tasks (writings, recordings, etc.) listed in this table will be kept and filed in the Registrar's Office.

EXTRAORDINARY/RE-ASSESSMENT PERIOD

Students that do not pass the course in the term it is delivered can attempt again in the extraordinary/re-assessment period, except in cases where the particular characteristics of the course make this impossible.

The teaching team will inform the student of the assessment tasks that will need to be done in re-assessment. The teaching team can decide whether to maintain the marks of 5.0 and above the student received over the course and in the regular assessment period.

REVIEW OF ASSESSMENT MARKS

As set out in the TAI School of the Arts Student Handbook.

Resources

COMPULSORY BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Davis, T. (2016). *Literature and Culture*. Palgrave.
 Doyle, R. (2004). *The Essential Guide to Contemporary Literature*. California University Press.
 González, M. (2015). *Aesthetics and Ideology in Contemporary Literature and Drama*. Cambridge Scholars, Publishing.
 Lehmann, H.T. (2006). *Postdramatic Theatre*. Taylor and Francis.
 Mamet, D. (2005). *Edmond*. World Wide Books.
 Marks, P. (1999). *Literature and the Contemporary. Fictions and Theories of the Present*. Longman.
 Szondi, P. (1987). *Theory of the Modern Drama*. Polity Press.
 Tompkins, J. (2003). *Modern Drama*. University of Toronto Press.

RECOMMEND BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Brown, J. R. (Ed.). (2001). *The Oxford illustrated history of theatre*. Oxford Illustrated History.

RECOMMENDED FILMOGRAPHY

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE

VISITS, MASTER CLASSES, EVENTS AND ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS