

Course Outline

Modern Drama

Class: M.A 2nd Semester
Course Code: ENG 20203

Credit Hours: 03
Instructor: Farhana Shamim

Session	Topic	Core Texts
1	Introduction: An Overview of the History of Drama	
2	Elements of Drama Features of Comedy	
3	Shakespearean Comedy: Characteristics	<i>The Merchant of Venice</i> by William Shakespeare
4	Themes: Love, Hatred, Racism, Idealism Vs Reality	
5	Character Analysis of Antonio, Shylock and Portia	
6	Comedy of Humours	<i>The Alchemist</i> by Benjamin Johnson
7	Johnson's Satire Themes: Greed, Deception, Victimization	
8	Sheridan as the "Modern Congreve"	<i>The School for Scandal</i> by R.B Sheridan
9	Themes: Gossip, Affectation, Marriage	

Reference Books

1. Nicoll, Allardyce. A History of English Drama 1660-1900. Vol. 4. Cambridge University Press, 2009.
2. Parrott, Thomas Marc. Shakespearean comedy. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1949.
3. McNeir, Waldo F. CliffsNotes on Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2007.
4. Dowden, Edward. Shakspeare: A critical study of his mind and art. Harper, 1918.
5. Martin, Mathew. "Play and Plague in Ben Jonson's The Alchemist." ESC: English Studies in Canada 26.4 (2000): 393-408.
6. Harp, Richard L., Richard Harp, and Stanley Stewart, eds. The Cambridge Companion to Ben Jonson. Cambridge University Press, 2000.
7. Knoll, Robert E. Ben Jonson's Plays: An Introduction. Lincoln, University of Nebraska Press [1964], 1964.
8. Stone, George Winchester. British dramatists from Dryden to Sheridan. SIU Press, 1975.
9. Lafrance, Marianne. "School for scandal: Different educational experiences for females and males." Gender and Education 3.1 (1991): 3-13.
10. Schiller, Andrew. "The School for Scandal: The Restoration Unrestored." Publications of the Modern Language Association of America (1956): 694-704.

Evaluation and Assessment

The assessment will be done according to the following breakdown:

Mid-Term Exam 30 Marks

Sessional 20 Marks (Assignment= 10, Presentation=05, Quiz=05)

Terminal Exam 50 Marks

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