

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur

Department of English

M.A. English Literature

Course: Literary Theory II

Semester: 4th

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Course Description: This course is designed to introduce the major trends of the twentieth century literary theory to students. It provides a comprehensive understanding of the key ideas that persist within each theoretical school, and what impact that those schools have had on the academic understanding of literary works. By the end of the course, students will be equipped with a variety of critical approaches to examine a wide variety of literary texts.

Course Topics

Feminist criticism

Marxist criticism

Reader-response criticism

Mid-term Examination

Psychoanalytic criticism

Post-colonial criticism

Existentialism

New Historical criticism

Final-term Examination

▪ **Required Books**

Name: Critical Theory Today

Author: Lois Tyson

▪ **Suggested Readings**

Book: A Dictionary of Literary Terms

Author: Martin Gray

Book: Literary Theory

Author: David Carter

▪ **Assessment Methodology**

Students will be examined continuously by means of assignments, quizzes, and discussions on the course topics. All assignments, discussions, and quizzes will cover significant concepts, and theories from the course content studied throughout the semester.

Note: If any student still has any difficulty in understanding any particular concept from the given topics, they may forward their queries to the class representatives. Furthermore, it will be the responsibility of the CR/GR to gather up the queries and forward those to me.

Arslan Ahmad