

ENGE 1000 English Studies: Thinking Creatively in a Global Language

ENGE 1000A

Tuesdays 2:30-4:15 pm

YIA LT7

Course Outline

1. Course overview

Creative use of language is one of the abilities that distinguish us as human beings. This creativity can be observed in English literature and in our everyday language use. This course aims at enabling students to appreciate the creative use of English by introducing them to well-known literary works and everyday materials, such as movie clips, songs, and advertisements. This course also explores how language influences and shapes such things as, our conceptualization, our emotions, our sense of humour, our experience of technology, and our membership to society.

The course consists of two parts: one focusing on literature and the other on linguistics. In the literature module, students will learn the various effects of creative use of English by reading poetry, drama, and fiction. All the reading texts are carefully chosen to help students enjoy the reading of English literature. In the linguistics module, students will study how language is structured and used creatively for a wide range of purposes and settings.

2. Learning outcomes

This course will enable students to:

- discover what it is like to study literature and linguistics
- learn basic literary and linguistic concepts
- appreciate the beauty and fun of creative language use
- have a taste of the classics in English literature
- heighten their interest in the English linguistics
- understand language use in different contexts through linguistic concepts
- gain introductory knowledge of topics and trends in applied linguistics
- use the global language creatively

3. Assessment Scheme

| English Literary Studies (ELS) | | |
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| Creative writing | Students will write a short poem from a suggested range of themes. | 15% |
| Text analysis | Students will write an 800-word analysis on an excerpted text. | 25% |
| Lecture attendance and tutorial participation | Students are expected to attend all the lectures and participate actively in tutorials. | 10% |
| Applied English Linguistics (AEL) | | |
| Article review | Each student writes a 400-word review about a linguistic journal article discussed in class. | 15% |
| Personal narrative | Each student can choose to either: write an essay of about 800 words on his or her personal experience with language use in local and/or global context(s). OR Make a 3-5min video that documents his or her personal experience with language use in local and/or global context(s). | 30% |
| Attendance & Tutorial participation | Students will be assessed on how actively they participate in and how prepared they are for the tutorial activities. | 5% |

4. Reading materials

ELS:

Poems and song lyrics: “Sonnet 130”, by William Shakespeare
“The Road not Taken”, by Robert Frost
“Ozymandias”, by Percy Bysshe Shelley
“To Autumn”, by John Keats
“Blowing in the Wind”, by Bob Dylan
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Short stories: “A Clean, Well-lighted Place” by Ernest Hemingway
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Play: Excerpts from *Hamlet*, by William Shakespeare

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| 9 | Tropes, sounds, and forms | “Ozymandias” “To Autumn” |
| 10 | Voices of our time | “Blowing in the Wind” “A Brave and Startling Truth” |
| 11 | All sorts of stories 1 In-class quiz | “A Clean, Well-lighted Place” |
| 12 | All sorts of stories 2 | “The Theme of the Traitor and the Hero” “Boys and Girls” |
| 13 | A bit dramatic | Excerpt from <i>Hamlet</i> |

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Grade A- / Very Good: Generally outstanding performance on ALMOST ALL learning outcomes.

Demonstrates the ability to synthesize and apply the principles or skills learned in the course in a manner that would fully fulfill the normal expectations at this level and occasionally reaches standards that may be common at higher levels of study.

Grade B+ / Good (Plus): HIGH performance on all learning outcomes, OR HIGH performance on some learning outcomes which compensates WELL for slightly less satisfactory performance on others, resulting in overall substantial performance.

Demonstrates the ability to apply WELL the principles or skills learned in the course in a comprehensive manner that would sufficiently fulfill the normal expectations at this level WELL.

Grade B / Good: SUBSTANTIAL performance on all learning outcomes, OR SUBSTANTIAL performance on some learning outcomes which compensates for slightly less satisfactory performance on others, resulting in overall substantial performance.

Demonstrates the ability to apply the principles or skills learned in the course in a MORE COMPREHENSIVE manner that would sufficiently fulfill the normal expectations at this level.

Grade B- / Good (Minus): GOOD performance on all learning outcomes, OR GOOD performance on some learning outcomes which compensates for slightly less satisfactory performance on others, resulting in overall substantial performance.

Demonstrates the ability to apply the principles or skills learned in the course in a COMPREHENSIVE manner that would sufficiently fulfill the normal expectations at this level.

Grade C+ / Fair (Plus): VERY SATISFACTORY performance on the majority of learning outcomes.

Demonstrates the ability to apply the principles or skills learned in the course in a SOMEWHAT SUSTAINED manner that would meet the basic requirement at this level.

Grade C / Fair: SATISFACTORY performance on the majority of learning outcomes.

Demonstrates the ability to partially apply the principles or skills learned in the course in a manner that would meet the basic requirement at this level.

Grade C- / Fair (Minus): SOMEWHAT SATISFACTORY performance on A NUMBER OF learning outcomes.

Demonstrates the ability to SOMEWHAT apply the principles or skills learned in the course in a manner that would meet the BARE basic requirement at this level.

Grade D+ / Pass (Plus): BARELY SATISFACTORY performance on A FEW learning outcomes.

Addresses the course inadequately by meeting the basic requirement at this level only in some areas while responding minimally with possibly tangential content in others.

Grade D / Pass: ALMOST BARELY satisfactory performance on VERY FEW learning outcomes.

Addresses the course inadequately by meeting the basic requirement at this level only in very few areas while responding very minimally with possibly tangential content in others.

Grade F / Failure: Unsatisfactory performance on a number of learning outcomes, OR failure to meet specified assessment requirements.

Fails to address the course and likely does not understand what the course requires. In other words, the work completely misses the point.