UCLouvain

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Introduction to literary studies

5.00 credits	30.0 h	Q1

Teacher(s)	Deschambre Elise ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	The course will address the major approaches in literature that have been developed throughout history and will question the validity of scientific methods and discourses related to reading. It will provide epistemological reference points and frameworks for literary studies: the history and problematics of the notions of text, literary genre and literature, the constituent elements of dramatic text, poetic text and narrative text, including those of the main narrative genres and the main narrative worlds. In addition to the theoretical and historical introduction to the methods of literary analysis, the course will include specific case studies.
Learning outcomes	**At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :** 1 Problematise the notions of text, literature and genre by referring to different definitions and approaches that have been proposed by critics; 2 Understand and mobilise the main components involved in analysing a poetic text, a narrative text and a play; master the methodological foundations that will enable them to analyse works of various genres in subsequent literature courses; 3 Master a methodology for reading texts related to literary theory; 4 Understand, compare and articulate approaches to literature from different theoretical sources. This learning unit contributes to the development and command of the following skills and learning outcomes of the ELAL programmes: 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 2.6, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 5.6
Faculty or entity in charge	ELAL

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)

Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Minor in French Studies (only available for reenrolment and ELAL Bachelor transitional programmes)	MINFRAN	5		
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures: German, Dutch and English	GERM1BA	5		
Bachelor in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures	LAFR1BA	5		
Minor in Literary Studies (only available for reenrolment)	MINLITT	5		
Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Literatures : General	ROM1BA	5		
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGE1BA	5		
Minor in Literary Studies	MINLITTER	5		