

## Course Description

### Course Unit

**Canadian Literature and Culture**

### UC Code

LAC2.12400

### ECTS Credits

6 ECTS

### Work Hours

168H (6 ECTS)

### Level

BA

### Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S1

### Faculty

Cecilia Beecher Martins

### Class

TP 1

### Language of instruction

English

### Class Description

The central question will be to use theories unique to Canadian literature such as Atwood's survival and Saul's biotext to interpret 20th century Canadian literature while grappling with the conflicting characteristics found in the Canadian sense of identity. In this work, the impact of Canada's colonial past will not be neglected, nor will the movements in 21st century Canada literature written in English by Canadians of all backgrounds: First Nations, English descent, first & second-generation immigrants.

Specific programmatic contents:

1. The geography of Canada, its socio-cultural realities and political system
2. An overview of Canadian history while reading literary texts that illustrate the lived reality
3. Analysis of literary texts from the perspectives of survival and biotext
4. Through the discussion of literary and critical texts students will also look at the country's progression from an oft-overlooked colonial project to a leading nation on the world stage.

### ***Grading and Assessment***

A student-centered teaching approach will be used following a task-based methodology. Materials will be presented in an orderly succession so that students can build up their knowledge on subjects discussed sequentially. A proactive posture will be expected from students. Therefore, they will be provided with a calendar indicating all of the readings and evaluations at the beginning of the semester to prepare for these in advance.

As this CU is taught in English class oral presentations must be made in English. Written evaluations may be presented in English or Portuguese

1st Written test (30%)

2nd Written test (40%)

Individual Oral Presentation (15%)

Attendance and participation (15%) This grade is not awarded for mere presence in class, it will require participation in the reflective discussion of set texts. Each student will be responsible for the discussion of or reflection on at least one of the set texts.

### ***Bibliography***

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### ***Prerequisites (if applicable)***

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