

Course Description

Course Unit

US Literature (18th-19th centuries)

UC Code

LAC2.12306

ECTS Credits

6 ECTS

Work Hours

168H (6 ECTS)

Level

BA

Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S1

Faculty

Margarida Vale de Gato

Class

TP 1

Language of instruction

English

Class Description

This course attempts to give an overview of early and 19th C American literature by exploring the literary, cultural, and historical contexts Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. The primary focus will be on an in-depth analysis of the novel (with close-reading of selected passages), complemented by readings from Mary Rowlandson, Frederick Douglass, Emerson, Thoreau, Melville, Margaret Fuller and other relevant authors to provide a comprehensive understanding of the period and its literature. The middle and final classes will be devoted to poetry and the startling innovations of Edgar Allan Poe, Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson.

Students are expected to participate in class debates and presentations, and produce textual

analysis, criticism, and creative responses to stylistic-ideological issues raised by the (con)texts. In parallel to our classes, we will use the blog blogue.euliteratura.blogspot.pt

Grading and Assessment

- i) (15%) attendance and participation in class and in the blog's community euliteratura.blogspot.pt
- ii) (20%) scheduled oral presentation and/or close-reading analysis (choice of best mark)
- iii) (30%) test with closed answers and critical-creative essay.
- iv) (35%) final paper of comparative literature, individually or in pairs (2000 to 3000 words): plan, annotated bibliography and peer-revision work (15%); writing mark (20%)

Bibliography

non applicable (though English level B.2.2 - at least - is recommended, as well as previous conclusion of Introduction to Literary Texts, Fundamental Texts, or any equivalent subject).

Prerequisites (if applicable)

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