

## Programa | Course Description

### Unidade Curricular | Course Unit

**Tópicos em Estudos Norte-Americanos I: Eco-poéticas da Alteridade na América do Norte | Topics in North-American Studies I: Ecopoetics of Alterity in North America**

### Código da UC | UC Code

MOD.921683

### Créditos ECTS | ECTS Credits

12 ECTS

### Horas de Trabalho | Work Hours

336H (12 ECTS)

### Ciclo de Estudos | Level

Mestrado | MA

### Ano lectivo e semestre | Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S1

### Nome do(s) docente(s) | Faculty

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### Turma | Class

TP 1

### Língua de ensino | Language of instruction

Inglês

### Programa de Turma | Class Description

A questão da natureza percorre grande parte da poesia e poética norte-americanas, desde a "escrita da natureza" dos Transcendentalistas (Buell 1995) às experimentações mais ecocêntricas, aliando critica e criatividade de linguagem na prática multidisciplinar de "ecopoéticas" (Keller 2019). Este seminário promove uma "poética investigativa" (Retallak 2007) de alargamento das formas relacionais de linguagem com vista a ressaltar tensões e sobreposições de natureza e cultura, e a uma atitude crítica e transformadora sobre a relação entre espécies, o curso e cuidado dos

elementos, a comunidade de seres-mais-do-que-humanos (Abram 1998). Sem querer resolver complexidades mas apontá-las e envolver-se com elas (“staying with the trouble”, Haraway 2016), as recentes propostas ecopoéticas, feministas, descoloniais, litorais e/ou a contracorrente de narrativas hegemónicas, tendem a mudar o que somos, como nos relacionamos com outros, quem e o que consumimos – além de como pensamos, escrevemos, lemos poemas.

Considerando a situação material-contextual de abordarmos os estudos norte-americanos a partir de um ponto de vista de Portugal, daremos especial atenção ao eixo atlântico e, a partir dele, à flexibilização conceptual proposta pelas “humanidades azuis” (Mentz 2023), incluindo os estudos costeiros e arquipelágicos. Poetas propostos/as: Emerson, Thoreau, Edgar Allan Poe, Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Marianne Moore, Sylvia Plath, Adrienne Rich, Erin Mouré, Julianna Spahr, Evelyn Reilly, Abigail Chabitnoy.

Acertaremos a rota atendendo à liberdade crítica decorrente das capacidades interpretativas desenvolvida pelos membros do curso.

The question of nature runs through much of North American poetry and poetics, from the Transcendentalists' “nature writing” (Buell 1995) to more ecocentric current experiments, combining criticism and language creativity in the multidisciplinary practice of “ecopoetics” (Keller 2018). This seminar promotes an “investigative poetics” (Retallak 2007) towards broadening the relational forms of language in order to highlight tensions and overlaps between nature and culture, and a critical and transformative attitude towards interspecies relations, the course and care of the elements, the community of more-than-human beings (Abram 1998). Without wishing to solve complexities, but rather to point them out and engage with them (“staying with the trouble”, Haraway 2016), recent ecopoetic, feminist, decolonial, coastal and/or counter-current proposals of hegemonic narratives tend to change what we are, how we relate to others, who and what we consume - as well as how we think, write, read poems.

Considering the material-contextual situation of approaching North American studies from a Portuguese point of view, we will pay special attention to the Atlantic axis and, from there, to the conceptual flexibilization proposed by the “blue humanities” (Mentz 2020), including coastal and archipelagic studies.

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We might redirect our route taking into account the critical freedom resulting from the interpretative skills developed by the members of the course.

## Avaliação | *Grading and Assessment*

- i) (20%) Participação em aula e comentários no blogue (min. 4) [ecopoeticforms.blogspot.com](http://ecopoeticforms.blogspot.com)
- ii) (20%) Apresentação oral - Leitura performativa, videopoema, colagem, etc. + análise: 20
- iii) (20%) "Midterm paper"
- iv) (40%) Ensaio final (15% primeira versão + 10 % discussão em aula + 15% versão final)

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- ii) (20%) Oral assignment - Performative reading/Videopoem/Collage, etc. + analysis: 20 %
- iii) (20%) Midterm paper
- iv) (40%) Final paper (15% first version + 10 % class discussion + 15% final version)

### **Bibliografia | *Bibliography***

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### **Requisitos (se aplicável) | *Prerequisites (if applicable)***

Compatíveis com a admissão no programa de Mestrado.

In accordance with admission in MA program.