



# **Course Syllabus**

1	Course title	English Drama					
2	Course number	2201702					
2	Credit hours	3					
3	Contact hours (theory, practical)	3					
4	Prerequisites/Co-requisites						
5	Program title	Master's Degree in English Literature					
6	Program code	220					
7	Awarding institution	The University of Jordan					
8	School	School of Foreign Languages					
9	Department	Department of English Languages					
10	Level of course	Graduate					
11	Year of study and semester (s)	2023/2024 First semester					
12	Final Qualification	MA					
13	Other department (s) involved in teaching the course						
14	Language of Instruction	English					
15	Delivery method	☐Face to Face learning ☐Blended ☐Fully only					
16	Electronic platform(s)	☐E - Learning ☐Microsoft Teams ☐Skype ☐Zoom ☐Others					
17	Issuing/Revision Date	December 2023					
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# **20** Course Description:

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As stated in the approved study plan.

According to the M.A Study Plan, "this course is intended to provide students with a general acquaintance of the development of English drama, major theories of drama and criticism of dram, indepth study of individual plays chosen from a variety of periods and minor dramatic genres, main trends in drama, modern developments of the art of drama. It should be noted that the emphasis throughout is on drama as a literary type rather than on dramaturgy".

However, the course could be taught to cover one of the following topics:

- 1. English Renaissance drama
- 2. Restoration and Eighteenth-Century English drama
- 3. Modern and Contemporary English drama.
- 4. Contemporary British and American drama.

This course syllabus covers British drama from 1890 to the late twentieth century, and perhaps beyond. Therefore, the course materials should include plays that reflect this vibrant and rich period of British drama and theater.

#### 21 Course Aims and Outcomes:

#### A- Aims: Program learning out comes (PLO's)

At the successful completion of the Master Program in English Literature the student should be able to:

- 1- Apply critical approaches, theories and methodologies to literary texts belonging to different literary periods.
- 2- Analyze and discuss the salient features of literary texts from a broad range of English and American literary periods.
- 3- Explain and discuss the functions of texts in relation to different historical, social, and political contexts.
- 4- Examine literary texts in a way that reflects insight into the distinctive historical, traditional and social situatedness of English literature as an academic discipline.
- 5- Employ knowledge of literary traditions to produce imaginative writing, demonstrating interpretive and analytical skills and the ability to close-read.
- 6- Apply critical and creative thinking to evaluate literature and improve practice in English studies, applying sound judgment in professional and personal situations.
- 7- Prepare and deliver specialized professional-level seminar, work efficiently both independently and as part of a team, collaborate with other, demonstrating commitment to social and professional responsibilities
- 8- Design, execute, interpret, and critique research in the specialization, and write master's theses or reports to professional standards equivalent to the quality of publishable papers. (Design and conduct linguistic research, interpret its results, demonstrating the ability to write a master's thesis proficiently and produce professionally publishable reports. Work efficiently both independently and/or as part of a team, committing to social and professional responsibilities).
- 9- Demonstrate an interest in learning and continuous professional growth, utilize information and data technology to develop his capabilities, knowledge, and skills. Express a commitment to acquiring and generating new knowledge and analyze and investigate issues related to English literature.

#### **B- Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

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110.	Course Learning Outcomes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1
1	Appreciate modern/contemporary British plays as literature and theater.				X				X					X							X
2	Recognize the history of modern drama and the stage history of each required play.	X	X											X							X
3	Analyze the individual plays in their social and cultural contexts.			X	X	X															
4	Evaluate the stage history and literary reviews of each play.						X	X	X								X		X		X
5	Analyze the different trends and movements in modern English drama.									X				X			X		X		X
6	Produce a well-documented paper or research using proper research tools.		X	X	X																X

# 22. Topic Outline and Schedule:

**Weekly Course Schedule (Tentative)** 

Week	Lecture	Торіс	Course Learning Outcomes	Teaching Methods*/pl atform	Evaluation Methods**	References
1	1.1	Introduction; an overview of the history of British drama; trends and dramatic movements, etc.	1 -2	Face to Face	6	Main References
2	2.1	G. B. Shaw, <i>Major Barbara</i> Paul. J. Hunter.	3	Face to Face	6	Main References

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3	3.1	Oscar Wilde, Lady Windermere's Fan McKeon and Paul. J. Hunter.	4	Face to Face	3	Main References
4	4.1	J. M. Synge, The Playboy of the Western World	4	Face to Face	3	Main References
5	5.1	W. B. Yeats, The Countess Cathleen	4	Face to Face	10	Main References
6	6.1	Noel Coward, Privates Lives	5	Face to Face	10	Main References
7	7.1	John Osborne, Look Back in Anger	5	Face to Face	6	Main References
8	8.1	Samuel Beckett, Waiting for Godot,Endgame	6	Face to Face	6	Main References
9	9.1	John Arden, Serjeant Musgrave's Dance	6	Face to Face	8	Main References
10	10.1	Harold Pinter, The Caretaker, The Homecoming	2	Face to Face	3	Main References
11	11.1	Arnold Wesker, Chicken Soup with Barley, The Merchant	2	Face to Face	10	Main References
12	12.1	Shelagh Delaney, A Taste of Honey	1	Face to Face	6	Main References
13	13.1	Edward Bond, Saved, Lear	1	Face to Face	8	Main References
14	14.1	Brian Friel, Translations; Tom Stoppard, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead	4	Face to Face	3	Main References
15	15.1		4	Face to Face	10	Main References

		Caryl Churchill, Top Girls Microsoft teams. Selections by Spivak			
16	16.1	Revision & Final examination	1-6	Face to Face	Main References

- **Teaching methods include**: Synchronous lecturing/meeting; Asynchronous lecturing/meeting; discussion
- Assessment methods include: 1. quizzes, 2. assignments, 3. midterm, 4. projects, 5. interview, 5. case studies, 6. presentation, 7. filed study 8. term papers, 9. student portfolio, 10. final exam

# 23 Evaluation Methods:

Opportunities to demonstrate achievement of the ILOs are provided through the following assessment methods and requirements:

<b>Evaluation Activity</b>	Mark	Topic(s)	Period (Week)	Platform
Participation & Presentations	20%	Relevant topics	1-15	Campus
Midterm Exam	30%	Relevant topics	7	Campus
Research Paper				Campus
-	10%	Relevant topics	1-15	
Final Exam	40%	Relevant topics	15	Campus

**Rubric for presentation tasks:** 

Criteria	20	18	16	14	12-0
Subject Mastery	Full knowledge of the topic is demonstrated and any questions from the audience are correctly answered and explained. A thesis is presented.	Understanding of the topic is demonstrated and most of the questions from the audience are answered correctly. A thesis is presented.	The content shows some understanding and comprehension of the topic, but questions from the audience aren't answered correctly. A thesis is somewhat presented.	The presentation has some information about the topic, but is mostly based on clichés and basic knowledge. No thesis is presented.	The presentation doesn't show any knowledge of the topic, it's short and has basic or no foundation. No thesis is presented.
Organization	It is presented in a logical, interesting sequence,	It is presented in a logical sequence which can be followed fairly	The presentation is somewhat difficult to follow but the	The presentation is difficult to follow because it jumps back	The presentation has no sequence of information and is not understood.

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Delivery	Maintains eye contact, doesn't read from notes, speaks loud with inflection, pronounces all words correctly, and is very effective and engaging.	Maintains eye contact throughout, rarely reads from notes, speaks with inflection, pronounces most words correctly, and is somewhat effective and engaging.	Maintains eye contact, reads from notes occasionally, speaks loud enough, pronounces some words correctly, and is somewhat effective and engaging.	Occasional eye contact, mostly reads from notes, speaks quietly and mispronounces.	No eye contact is made, reads from notes, a lot of mumbling and mispronunciation, and speaks quietly.
Creativity	Presentation is unique and innovative, with visual aids that are effectively used to support or demonstrate the content. The focus chosen is original and inspired.	Presentation's information is highlighted with visual aids that are used in an interesting way. The focus chosen is original.	Presentation is interesting, but unoriginal and there's a presence of visual aids that somewhat support the content. The focus chosen is somewhat interesting, but obvious.	Presentation is not unique or interesting, but uses of visual aids in a somewhat interesting way.  Little or no interest is conveyed in the focus chosen.	There is no true focus which leads to poor or no creativity. There are no visual aids.

# 24 Course Requirements (e.g. students should have a computer, internet connection, webcam, account on a specific software/platform...etc.):

#### 25 Course Policies:

**Attendance policies**: Attendance is mandatory. If you feel that you will be absent, you must ask for an early excuse, or provide me with a written one for your absence. However, if your absences exceed the permitted limits, then you may not be allowed to take the final exam.

Honesty policy regarding cheating, plagiarism, misbehavior: Plagiarism is strictly prohibited. It is a reason for failure in the course. The student who commits plagiarism will also be subject to further disciplinary procedures.

# **Grading policy:**

1.Participation & Presentations: 20%

2.Research Paper: 10%3.Midterm Exam: 30%4.Final Exam 40%

Available university services that support achievement in the course: desktop; data show; internet connection.

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