

Faculty of Arts and Letters



GERM1534 The History of Dutch Literature II

[30h] 4 credits

This course is not taught in 2005-2006

Language: Dutch

Level: First cycle

Aims

At the end of the course, students should be able to show insight into the distinctive features of major literary movements and genres. They should be able to situate them in their socio-cultural and historical contexts. Students will become familiar with important literary figures and canonical works of the historical period that is studied. They will be expected to know how to read and interpret some key texts. This course requires the writing of a critical essay which will form a major element of the final evaluation.

Main themes

This course offers a chronological and critical survey of Dutch literature from the 17th to the 21st century. It examines and illustrates the main literary movements and genres of this period and places them in their socio-cultural contexts.

Content and teaching methods

This course traces the major developments of Dutch literature from 1700 to the present. It constitutes a sequel to GERM 1136. After a brief analysis of 18th century works (a relatively decadent period in Dutch literature after the Golden Age), the course focuses on several major literary movements that have shaped 19th and 20th century Dutch literature : romanticism, realism, theological modernism, impressionism, naturalism, the Van Nu en Straks movement, idealism, expressionism, vitalism, # Major authors and works are examined. Tutorials and audio-visual material helps students gain insights into these movements and give them the opportunity to take active part in class discussion.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Assessment: oral exam.

Teaching method: formal lectures including classroom discussion; tutorials (10 hrs) help the students prepare their required reading and their critical essays.

Course materials:

Other credits in programs

GERM13BA	Troisième année de bachelier en langues et littératures modernes, orientation germaniques	(4 credits)
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