

Faculty of Arts and Letters



GERM2326 Special topics : English literature before the 19th century

[30h] 4 credits

This two-yearly course is taught in 2006-2007, 2008-2009,...

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

Teacher(s): Guido Latre
Language: English
Level: Second cycle

Aims

In-depth study of a particular subject of English Literature.

Main themes

English literature from the 14th or 15th century, the Tudor Age, or the 18th century.

Content and teaching methods

Chaucer explores the contrasts between our longing to achieve wholeness, possibly even holiness ("the holy blissful martyr for to seke"), and our comic failure to integrate into our thoughts and experience the simple urges of our bodies and the fragmented visions of our culture. These contrasts are revealed through a subtle manipulation of literary genres from both England and the European continent : chivalric romances, fabliaux, fables, exempla, antifeminist literature, etc. The course studies these genres on the basis of stories from the Canterbury Tales, and tries to define the subtle mechanisms of Chaucer's humour.

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

Evaluation: written exam

Teaching materials: extracts from Norton Anthology 1.

Course Supervision/ Course Holder: formal lectures; guided tour of Leuven (medieval aspects)

Audio-visual materials.

Programmes in which this activity is taught

LITT9CE Certificat universitaire en littérature

Other credits in programs

GERM21	Première licence en langues et littératures germaniques	(4 credits)
GERM21/BD	Première licence en langues et littératures germaniques (Anglais et Allemand)	(4 credits)
GERM21/BN	Première licence en langues et littératures germaniques (Anglais et Néerlandais)	(4 credits)
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GERM22	Deuxième licence en langues et littératures germaniques	(4 credits)
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