

Course Description Form

Course number and section: ENGL 150 – 103, 104, 105

Course Topic: Introduction to Literary Genre

Credits: 3

Term: 2

Instructor: Dr Jon Vickery

Course Description (aim for no more than 80 – 100 words for your course description):

This course examines the intellectual and artistic merits of different major genres within the domain of English Literature. Special attention will be given to understanding these respective genres as expressions of the western religio-philosophical heritage. In particular, we will investigate the manner in which fiction and drama contribute to the ongoing discussion of the nature of human virtue. In the course of our study, we will explore writings from the contemporary and classical periods that have been significantly influential, both in their own time and beyond.

Tentative Reading List: (Be as concise as possible with your reading list, but please also specify the genre of each required text. See sample below)

JRR Tolkien, *The Hobbit* (Fiction/Fantasy)

PD James, *The Children of Men* (Fiction/Dystopian)

Cormac McCarthy, *No Country for Old Men* (Fiction/Neo-Western/Crime Fiction)

Sophocles, *Oedipus the King* (Drama)

Other: