

Module Details	
Module Title	Literature and Society
Module Code	SAC3012-B
Academic Year	2020/1
Credits	20
School	School of Social Sciences
Subject Area	Sociology and Criminology
FHEQ Level	RQF Level 3
Pre-requisites	N/A
Co-requisites	N/A

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	12
Seminars	12
Directed Study	176

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2

Module Aims
Literature and Society explores the interplay between social theory and the more individualistic concerns of literary culture.

Outline Syllabus
This module explores how literary texts and movements can be understood as 'reflections' of society and vice versa. More specifically, emphasis is placed on the manner in which literary works can be read in conversation with, and in opposition to, social movements. For example: 1. Analyse two Shakespearean plays and discuss how social norms can influence how readers understand gender and sexuality at different historical moments. 2. The Enlightenment and the French Revolution in context of the Romantic Movement. 3. Kafka and Existentialism. 4. Victorian fiction, Psychoanalysis and Symbolism in Robert Louis Stevenson.

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	demonstrate a knowledge of a range of theories of social culture and philosophy.
02	formulate connections between literary and social texts.
03	understand how historical events impact literary works, and how you can view literature as a medium of rebellion and revolt.
04	chart the development of key philosophical, political and social thoughts across the module's texts.
05	ability to undertake a close reading of a text.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
The author(s) and set texts will be broadly discussed and contextualised, within the given period / movement, during weekly lectures. These will be followed by one hour seminars where you will analyse specific passages and excerpts in detail. As a guideline, you will be allowed approximately one week to read and familiarise yourself with a text. You will also need to bring a copy of the allocated text to its respective lecture / seminar. 70% Essay and 30% Close reading / analysis of an excerpt.

Mode of Assessment				
Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting
Summative	Coursework	Close reading of an excerpt	N/A	50%
Summative	Presentation	Individual Presentation	10 mins	50%

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

Please note:

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