

Course Specifications

| Course Title: | Short Story |
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| Course Code: | Eng-3/375 |
| Program: | Bachelors Program in English |
| Department: | English Department |
| College: | Jazan (Male and Female Campus), Samtah (Female Campus), Ardha (Female Campus) Dayer (Female Campus), Darb (Female Campus), and Farasan (Female Campus) |
| Institution: | Jazan University |











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A. Course Identification

| 1. Credit hours: 3 credit hours | | |
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| 2. Course type | | |
| a. University College Department Others | | |
| b. Required Elective | | |
| 3. Level/year at which this course is offered: Level 6 / Third Year | | |
| 4. Pre-requisites for this course (if any): Introduction to Literary Forms | | |
| 5. Co-requisites for this course (if any): None | | |

6. Mode of Instruction (mark all that apply)

| No | Mode of Instruction | Contact Hours | Percentage |
|----|-----------------------|---------------|------------|
| 1 | Traditional classroom | 45 | 100 |
| 2 | Blended | | |
| 3 | E-learning | | |
| 4 | Distance learning | | |
| 5 | Other | | 100 |

7. Contact Hours (based on academic semester)

| No | Activity | Contact Hours |
|----|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Lecture | 45 |
| 2 | Laboratory/Studio | |
| 3 | Tutorial | |
| 4 | Others (quiz, midterm and assignment) | |
| | Total | 45 |

B. Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

1. Course Description

This course is designed to introduce undergraduate students to the short story genre. A range of short stories from the 19th and 20th centuries will be taught, and students will be given an opportunity to analyze, discuss, and write about the stories they read. The course introduces students to various elements of the short story, and sharpens their critical skills in reading, writing, and analysis by highlighting theme, style, plot, character, social-cultural context, and other critical elements of short stories. The selections include classic short stories, and offer a variety of authors, styles, and traditions. The choice of works is motivated by the hope that students will be inspired to read other stories by these authors, and thus expand their intellectual and cultural horizon through this course.

2. Course Main Objectives

The main objective of the course is to enable students to: Identify the literary elements and essential concepts of the works they are presently reading with those they have previously read and explain the function of essential short story elements in the writer's craft (i.e. character, setting, conflict, plot, climax, resolution, theme, tone, point of view). Moreover, this course would support interpretive claims about a variety of short fiction at university level, compare texts in terms of themes, figurative language, social and cultural background, authorship techniques, defend their arguments about their understanding of the five prescribed short stories. It would also show self-growth as a result of the interpretation experience, demonstrate the ability to engage critically and constructively in oral exchanges of ideas.

3. Course Learning Outcomes

| | CLOs | Aligned PLOs |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Knowledge and Understanding: students will be able to | |
| 1.1 | Describe aspects and elements of short story in a concise or detailed way | K2 |
| 1.2 | Arrange, identify specific details related to the prescribed short stories and summarize them in proper manner | K2 |
| 2 | Skills: students will be able to | |
| 2.1 | Analyze stories with regard to their structure and other literary aspects | S1 |
| 2.2 | Demonstrate understanding of major characters, themes, and symbols by relating them to the events and settings in the story | S2 |
| 3 | Values :students will be able to | |
| 3.1 | Respond and adapt positively to social challenges | V1 |
| 3.2 | Develop a sense of academic ethics in writing assignments. | V3 |

C. Course Content

| No | List of Topics | Contact Hours |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Introduction to Short Story General introduction to the course; What is short story? In focus: How to read a short story?(steps to read a story) + How to write on a short story(steps to write a story) – a general approach to be made clear to the students to orient them to learn all the stories from now on. | 3 |
| 2 | Elements of short story(definitions of setting and its aspects; definitions of Plot and five stages of the plot, definitions of Conflict +Conflict its types and kinds of Conflicts; definitions of Character +definitions of Characteristics+ types of character, Point of view definitions and types of point of view; Theme and its definitions. Short Definitions on topics like dialogue, genre, title, style, author, background | 9 |

| 3 | Gift of the Magi by O. Henry (Life and Works of O. Henry, Pre-reading, Story and Analysis) | 6 |
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| 4 | The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde (Life and Works of Wilde, Story and Analysis) | 6 |
| 5 | The Story of an Hour by Kate Chopin (Life and Works of Kate Chopin, Story and Analysis) | 6 |
| 6 | Cat in the Rain by E. Hemingway (Life and Works of Hemingway, Story and Analysis) | 6 |
| 7 | The Cask of Amontillado by E. A. Poe (Life and Works of Poe, Story and Analysis) | 6 |
| 8 | REVISION | 3 |
| | Total | 45 |

D. Teaching and Assessment

1. Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes with Teaching Strategies and Assessment Methods

| Code | Course Learning Outcomes | Teaching Strategies | Assessment Methods | | |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1.0 | Knowledge and Understanding: students will be able to | | | | |
| 1.1 | List all the elements of short story, relate them to short stories for study. | Explanations, Problem based learning | Quiz, Midterm, Final exams, Objective questions Short answers, Essay | | |
| 1.2 | Arrange, identify specific details related to the prescribed short stories | Storytelling, Lectures, Active Learning | Assignment, Midterm, Final Exams – Paragraph and Essay questions. | | |
| 2.0 | Skills: students will be able to | | | | |
| 2:1 | Analyze stories with regard to their structure and other literary aspects | Collaborative learning, Group discussion, | Assignment, Final exams – Paragraph & Essay questions | | |
| 2.2 | Examine & illustrate the understanding of major characters, themes, and symbols | Seminars, Acting, Problem based learning, Explanations, Role play, | Final Exams – Essay questions | | |
| 3.0 | Values: students will be able to | | | | |
| | Respond and adapt positively to social challenges | Discussions, group work. | Individual & Collective observation, Presentations. | | |
| 3.1 | | | | | |

| 3.2 | Develop a sense of academic ethics in writing assignments. | Collaborative learning, Presentations & Project design | Project evaluation, Assessment of problem solving |
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2. Assessment Tasks for Students

| # | Assessment task* | Week Due | Percentage of Total Assessment Score |
|---|---------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1 | Quiz | 5 | 10 |
| 2 | Midterm | 7 | 20 |
| 3 | Assignment / Presentation | 8 | 10 |
| 4 | Final | 16-17 | 60 |
| 5 | Total | | 100% |

^{*}Assessment task (i.e., written test, oral test, oral presentation, group project, essay, etc.)

E. Student Academic Counseling and Support

Arrangements for availability of faculty and teaching staff for individual student consultations and academic advice:

Teachers are allotted 10 office hours a week for student consultations. Further, every student has an academic advisor whom the student approaches for personal or behavioral issues. Sometimes, the advisor acts as a bridge between the students and the course teachers.

F. Learning Resources and Facilities

1. Learning Resources

| Required Textbooks Bausch, Richard, and R V. Cassill. The Norton Anthol Short Fiction., 2015. Print Department Materials on Short story | | |
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| Essential References Materials | Hunter, Adrian. The Cambridge Introduction to the Short Story in English. Cambridge [u.a.: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2012. The Cambridge Introduction to The American Short Story. | |
| Electronic Materials | Links to the stories: • http://xroads.virginia.edu/~hyper/poe/cask.html • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnP5av68jzY (audio of the story Cat in the Rain) • https://www.auburn.edu/~vestmon/Gift_of_the_Magi.html • https://archive.vcu.edu/english/engweb/webtexts/hour/ • http://www.eastoftheweb.com/short-stories/UBooks/SelGia.shtml • http://jump.jazanu.edu.sa. | |
| Other Learning Materials | Handouts; worksheets, power-points, videos | |

2. Facilities Required

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| Item | Resources | |
| Accommodation (Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration rooms/labs, etc.) | Classroom with 25 – 60 seats., library | |
| Technology Resources (AV, data show, Smart Board, software, etc.) | Speakers / internet connection/Projectors | |
| Other Resources (Specify, e.g. if specific laboratory equipment is required, list requirements or attach a list) | Photocopiers/printers | |

G. Course Quality Evaluation

| Evaluation Areas/Issues | Evaluators | Evaluation Methods |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Planning course distribution and syllabus | Course teachers | Meetings and Course plans |
| Course Follow-up | Course Leaders | Course Follow-up reports |
| Unified Final Exam | Course Coordinator in coordination with course leaders /course teachers | Table of Specification/Blue print |
| Student's questionnaire once | Students | Online questionnaire of |
| during semester | | Course satisfaction |
| Students' application for | Reevaluation committee by | Re-Correction of quiz, |
| rechecking of scripts. | department | assignment, midterm and |
| | | final students scripts |
| Curriculum improvement | Department curriculum committee meets regularly and recommends revision for | Meetings |
| Course Learning outcomes | improvement Teachers | CLOs Direct Assessment Sheet. |

Evaluation areas (e.g., Effectiveness of teaching and assessment, Extent of achievement of course learning outcomes, Quality of learning resources, etc.)

Evaluators (Students, Faculty, Program Leaders, Peer Reviewer, Others (specify)

Assessment Methods (Direct, Indirect)

H. Specification Approval Data

| Council / Committee | Department Council (session # 2101) | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Reference No. | 43/54/25644 | |
| Date | 29/9/21 | |