

Introduction to Literary Studies		
FiF.KSLLV/A-boSE-007/12	<b>Teacher</b>	Dagmar Kročanová (Associate Professor/Reader)
5	<b>Hours weekly</b>	2
-	<b>Semester</b>	2/W
<p>Attendance: 25 % (two classes can be missed. Any additional missed class lowers the final grade);</p> <p>Regular preparation for the class, participation in the class discussions: 25 % (occasional/random check up progress) ;</p> <p>Mid-term test: 25 %;</p> <p>Final exam (written test) 25 %</p>		
<p><i>The contents of the class is updated/modified every academic year.</i></p> <p>Nature of literature. Literature as a separate area of studies. Function of literature. Overlaps with other disciplines. General, comparative and national literatures. Division of literary studies. Theory of literature. Literary history. Literary criticism.</p> <p>Author. Text. Reader.</p> <p>Theory of Literature 1. Poetry. Euphony, rhythm, and metre. Tropes (Figures of speech). Image, metaphor, symbol, myth. Figures (rhetorical, syntactic, figures of sound). Genres.</p> <p>Theory of literature 2. Prose (Fiction). Composition. Narration. Plot and story. Character. Genres (romance, novel, story, and other genres).</p> <p>Theory of literature 3. Drama, its nature and composition. Action, acts, scene, dialogue. Characters. Genres. Drama and Theatre.</p> <p>Literary history. Major periods, movements, and the development of European literatures. (One period or movement to be selected)</p> <p>Literary criticism 1-3. (Literary studies). Some methods and schools – brief (and very selective) introduction.</p> <p>Some ‘fashion’/current topics in literary studies. Colonialism, post-colonialism, imperial and post-imperial periods. Gender studies, feminism and literature. Racial difference.</p>		
<p>Bennet, Andrew and Royle, Nicholas: <i>Introduction to Literature, Criticism and Theory</i> (First published in 1995, several editions available, e.g. Pearson, Longman: 2004).</p> <p>Eagleton, Terry: <i>Literary Theory. An Introduction</i>. University of</p>		

Minnesota Press, 2008.

Eagleton, Terry – Jameson, Fredric – Said, Edward W.: *Nationalism, Colonialism, and Literature*. University of Minnesota Press, 1990.

*The Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms*. Oxford University Press, 2008 (also available on-line).

Rivkin, Julie – Ryan, Michael: *Literary Theory. An Anthology*. Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.

Selden, Raman – Widdowson, Peter – Brooker, Peter: *A Reader's Guide to Contemporary Literary Theory*. Pearson, Longman 2005 (various editions available, also available on-line).

Wellek, Rene and Warren, Austin: *Theory of Literature* (First published in 1949, various editions available, e.g. Penguin University Books, London: 1973).