

DSE : Option 5 Life Writing

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/Practice		
Life writing	4	3	1	0		

Course Learning Objectives

- Familiarise students with the genre of biography, autobiography.
- Familiarise students to understand the difference with other genres of writing.

Learning outcomes

- Help to analyse the characteristics of Autobiographical and biographical texts
- Familiarize students with Diaries and Letters
- Equip students to analyze and write about Travel experiences

SYLLABUS OF DSE-4: Option 5: Life writing

Unit I: (1-5 weeks)

Reading, writing and analysing Autobiographies, Confessions, Memoirs. Fictional Autobiographies, Autobiographical Songs

Unit II: (6-10 weeks)

Reading, writing and analysing Diaries and Letters

Unit III: (11-15 weeks)

Reading, writing and analysing Travelogues, travel logues and other forms of travel narratives

Essential/recommended readings

- Geertz, Clifford. *The Interpretation of Cultures*. New York: Basic Books (1973).
- Geertz, Clifford. *Local Knowledge*. New York: Basic Books (1983).
- Geertz, Clifford. *Works and Lives: The Anthropologist as Author*. Stanford: Stanford University Press (1989).
- Alain De Botton, *The Art of Travel*, Vintage; Reprint edition (May 11, 2004) Marc Augé, Jean-Paul Colleyn, *L'anthropologie*, PUF, Coll. Que sais-je ? (2009).
- Philippe Lejeune, *Je est un autre : L'autobiographie*, de la littérature aux médias, Seuil, (1980)
- Vincent Colonna, *Autofiction et autres mythomanies littéraires*, Tristram (2004).

Primary Texts:

- Simone de Beauvoir, *Mémoires d'une jeune fille rangée*
- Leonora Miano, *Afropean Soul et autres nouvelles*, Flammarion (2008).
- Bernard B. Dadie, *Climbié*, Nouvelles éditions africaines (2003).

Additional material will be provided by the Department.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.