

Common Pool of Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Courses for Semester VII

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE- (DSE-13): Research Methodology

No. of hours- 60 (Theory- 60 hrs.+Tutorials-00 hrs.)

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	Department offering the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice			
DSE-13 Research Methodology	4	3	0	1	Passed Class XII	NIL	English

Learning Objectives

- To introduce students to the fundamentals of academic reading and writing and facilitate an engagement with the skills required at each stage of research that could be applied in creating a research proposal
- To enable students to reflect on the paradigm shifts within literary criticism and to examine the possibilities of interdisciplinarity while examining the texts that they work with

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

- Analyze literary texts by integrating various research paradigms and academic reading techniques and demonstrate an understanding of research methodologies which will culminate in the selection of a topic for research.

- Manage essential skills for academic inquiry at the undergraduate level, formulate well-structured research proposals, compile bibliographies or/and annotated bibliographies, and integrate the stylesheet guidelines in their writing.

SYLLABUS OF DSE-13

UNIT– I: Types of Research Methods in English Studies (15 weeks)

1. Methods (Qualitative and Quantitative) and Problems of English Studies
2. Approaches and Comparison of Methods
3. Critical Theory and English Studies
4. Indian Concepts of Research: Pramana, Pratyaksh, Anumana, Upmana, Shabda, Arthapatti, Anupalabdhi

UNIT– II: Conducting Research and Writing Papers (15 weeks)

1. Finding a Topic – Analysis, Textual, Critical, or Application based
2. Raising Research Questions
3. Writing Research Papers

UNIT– III: Academic Writing and Ethics (15 weeks)

1. Finalizing Research Papers for publication
2. Citation Methods and bibliography
3. Ethics in Researching and Publishing

UNIT– IV: Submission of research article (15 weeks)

Each student will be required to submit a research article of 2500-3000 words in consultation with the assigned teacher.

Suggested Readings:

1. Flick, Uwe. *Introducing Research Methodology: A Beginner's Guide to Doing a Research Project*. New Delhi: Sage, 2017.
2. Leki, Ilona. *Academic Writing: Exploring Processes and Strategies*. 2nd edn. New York: CUP, 1998.
3. Dev, Anjana N(ed.). *Academic Writing and Composition*. New Delhi: Pinnacle, 2015.

4. Richards, I.A. *Practical Criticism: A Study of Literary Judgement*. New York: HarcourtBrace, 1929.
5. Bailey, Stephen. *The Essentials of Academic Writing for International Students*. London: Routledge, 2015.
6. Orwell, George. *Politics and the English Language*. United Kingdom: Sahara Publisher Books, 1946.
7. Hamp-Lyons, Liz and Ben Heasley. *Study Writing: A Course in Writing Skills for Academic Purposes*. Cambridge: CUP, 2006.
8. Kumar, Ranjit. *Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners*. New Delhi: Sage, 2014.
9. Phanse, Sameer. *Research Methodology: Logic, Methods and Cases*. New Delhi: OUP, 2016.
10. Griffin, Gabrielle, ed. *Research Methods for English Studies*. 2nd edn. New Delhi: Rawat Publications. 2016 (Indian Reprint)
11. Chatterjee Satischandra. *The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge* Book 1 from Pg-1-110 Calcutta: University of Calcutta, 1939.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE- (DSE-14): Latin American Literature

No. of hours- 60 (Theory- 45 hrs.+Tutorials-15 hrs.)

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	Department offering the course
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DSE-14 Latin American Literature	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL	English

This paper is aligned with Sustainability Development Goals 2030: #10 – Reduced Inequalities and #16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Learning Objectives

- To introduce students to the field of Latin American Studies in terms of form, narratology and historicity derived from a non-Eurocentric understanding of the world and to indicate lineages of thought in common with colonization and its legacy in India.
- To indicate the richness of Latin American writings and their use of indigenous traditions.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students shall be able to:

- Understand and analyze the complex realities mediated by Latin American writers and deepen their understanding of the effects of colonization across the world.
- Appreciate the literary techniques and contextual significance of literary writings in Latin America.

SYLLABUS OF DSE-14

UNIT – I (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

García Márquez, Gabriel. *Chronicle of a Death Foretold*. United Kingdom, Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group, 2014.

UNIT – II (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Juan Rulfo, "Luvina", *The Penguin Book of Latin American Short Stories*. ed. Thomas Colchie, United Kingdom: Penguin, 1993.

Gabriela Mistral: (i) "The Story Teller" (ii) "Ballerina"

Jose Marti: (i) "A Sincere Am I" (ii) "Once I was Sailing for Fun"

UNIT – III (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Galeano, Eduardo. *Lust for Gold, Lust for Silver*. 1973. Translated by Cedric Belfrage. *Open Veins of Latin America: Five Centuries of the Pillage of a Continent*. Monthly Review Press, 1997, pp. 11-58

Partnoy, Alicia. *The Little School: Tales of Disappearance and Survival*. San Francisco: Midnight, editions Cleis Press, 1986. pp 77-95

UNIT – IV (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Borges, Jorge Luis. "Garden of Forking Paths," from *Labyrinths*. United Kingdom, Penguin, 1970.

Octavio Paz: "As One Listens to Rain," "Spaces," "Between Going and Staying."

Suggested Readings:

1. García Márquez, Gabriel. *The solitude of Latin America: Nobel lecture*. United States: Targ Editions, 1984.
2. Fernández Retamar, Roberto. *Caliban and Other Essays*. United States: University of Minnesota Press, 1989.
3. Galeano, Eduardo. *Open veins of Latin America*. United Kingdom: Monthly Review Press, 1997. Pp 1-31
4. Carpentier, Alejo. 'On the Marvelous Real in America', *Magical Realism: Theory History and Community*. eds Lois P. Zamora and Wendy B. Faris, United Kingdom: Duke University Press, 1995. pp. 75-88.
5. de Las Casas, Bartolomé. *The devastation of the Indies: a brief account*. United Kingdom: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1992.

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**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE- (DSE-15)
Contemporary South Asian Literature**

No. of hours- 60 (Theory- 45 hrs.+Tutorials-15 hrs.)

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	Department offering the course
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DSE- 15 Contemporary South Asian Literature	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL	English

This paper is aligned with Sustainability Development Goals 2030: #5 – Gender Equality, 10 – Reduced Inequality and #13 – Climate Action

Learning Objectives

- To examine how contemporary South Asian literature reflects and shapes societal understandings of gender roles, identities, and power dynamics through selected novels, so as to contextualise Indian models in a richer way.
- To develop critical reading skills by analyzing literary texts through a gendered lens, applying feminist and postcolonial theories to explore the relationship between literature and gender in a specific spatial and historical context.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course:

- Students will be able to analyze representations of gender in South Asian literature, applying intersectional frameworks to explore their connections with class, ethnicity, and religion, and add this to their knowledge of the Indian scenario.
- Students will be able to articulate well-supported interpretations of literary texts, engaging with scholarly debates on gender and literature in South Asia.

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SYLLABUS OF DSE-15

UNIT – I (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Shyam Selvadurai: *Cinnamon Gardens*. Penguin India. 2001.

UNIT – II (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Kiran Desai: *Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard*. Faber. 2012.

UNIT – III (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Manjushree Thapa: *The Tilled Earth*. Aleph.2012.

UNIT – IV (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Easterine Kire, *Sky is My Father: A Naga Village Remembered*, Speaking Tiger, 2018.

Suggested Readings:

1. Sinha, Mrinalini. 'A Global Perspective on Gender: What's South Asia Got to Do with It?', *South Asian Feminisms: Contemporary Interventions*. ed. Ania Loomba and Ritty A. Lukose, Durham and London: Duke University Press, 2012. pp 356-374
2. Ratnasinha, Ruvani. 'Writing and reading Sri Lanka: Shifting politics of cultural translation, consumption, and the implied reader,' *Journal of Commonwealth Literature*. Vol. 48, 2013. pp 27-39
3. Pun, Min. 'The Canons of Nepali Fiction in English,' *Tribhuvan University Journal*. vol 31, no. 1 and 2, June/December, 2017. pp 63-74
4. Kamla Bhasin. *Understanding Gender*. New Delhi: Kali for Women. 2000.
5. Tilottoma Misra, "Introduction" from *The Oxford Anthology of Writings from North-East India: Poetry and essays*. India, Oxford University Press, 2011.

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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE– (DSE-16): Twentieth Century European Fiction

No. of hours- 60 (Theory- 45 hrs.+Tutorials-15 hrs.)

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	Department offering the course
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DSE-16 Twentieth Century European Fiction	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL	English

This paper is aligned with Sustainability Development Goals 2030: #5 – Gender Equality, , 10 – Reduced Inequality and #16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Learning Objectives

- To introduce students to key literary movements of 20th century European fiction—such as modernism, existentialism, and postmodernism—through texts that exemplify diverse narrative styles and thematic concerns.
- To develop critical reading and analytical skills by interpreting literary texts, exploring narrative techniques, and engaging with key discussions on authorship, identity, and historical context in 20th-century European fiction.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this course:

- Students will develop an understanding of European literary imaginings by exploring key themes, styles, and movements in 20th-century fiction.
- Students will enhance their analytical skills by engaging with the specific narrative techniques and cultural contexts of European writings.

SYLLABUS OF DSE-16

UNIT – I (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Italo Calvino: *If on a Winter's Night a Traveller* (1979)

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UNIT – II (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Franz Kafka: *Metamorphosis* (1915)

Isaac Babel: “The Story of My Dovecote”

UNIT – III (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Camus, Albert. *The Stranger* (1961)

Natalia Ginzburg. “The Mother”

UNIT – IV (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Jose Saramago. *Blindness*. Vintage Classics, 2013.

Suggested Readings:

1. Calvino, Italo, et al. *Italo Calvino: A Journey Toward Postmodernism*. United States: University Press of Florida, 1999.
2. Blanchot, Maurice. ‘Reading Kafka’, *The Work of Fire*. trans. Charlotte Mendel, California: Stanford University Press, 1995. pp 1-11
3. Kundera, Milan. ‘The Depreciated Legacy of Cervantes’, *The Art of the Novel*. trans. David Belos, UK: Penguin, 2004. pp 3-20
4. Judt, Tony. ‘The past is another country: myth and memory in post-war Europe’, *Memory and Power in Post-War Europe: Studies in the Presence of the Past*. United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press, 2002. pp 157-183
5. Bauman, Zygmunt. ‘Dream of Purity’, *Postmodernity and Its Discontents*. United Kingdom: NYU Press, 1997.
6. Dubravka Ugrešić: “The Writer in Exile”
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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE- (DSE-17) INDIA AND THE WORLD

No. of hours- 60 (Theory- 45 hrs.+Tutorials-15 hrs.)

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DSE-17 India and the World	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL	English

This paper is aligned with Sustainability Development Goals 2030: #17 International collaboration and partnership

Learning Objectives

- To examine the impact of Indian heritage, literary traditions, and artistic styles on global narratives and cultures.
- To explore connections between India's cultural heritage and transnational influences, thereby enhancing understanding of India's role in the international arts and literature.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course students will be able to:

- have a substantial understanding and a nuanced appreciation of the interconnectedness of cultures and India's pivotal role in enriching the world's literary and cultural fabric.
- learn in detail about India's literary and cultural heritage and its intellectual connections across centuries.

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SYLLABUS OF DSE-17

Unit 1: (15 Weeks- 1 hour/week)

Charles Wilkin. *The Bhāgvat-gēētā: Or, Dialogues of Krēshnā and Ārjōn; in Eighteen Lectures with Notes*. United Kingdom, C. Nourse, 1785.

Unit 2: (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

William Jones: "The Third Anniversary Discourse" (delivered 2 February 1786, by the President at the Asiatic Society of Bengal).

Edwin Arnold: *The Light of Asia or The Great Renunciation* (1879), Zinc Read, 2023.

Unit 3: (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Swami Vivekanand: "Address at the Parliament of Religions" (1893) (From *Penguin Swami Vivekanand Reader*, edited by Makarand Paranjape, Penguin 2004)

Rabindranath Tagore: *Greater India*, (1921), Rupa Publications, 2003.

"Vishva Sahitya" (From *Rabindranath Tagore in the 21st Century Theoretical Renewals*, Springer 2015)

Unit 4: (15 weeks-1 hour/week)

Meena Alexander: "Water Crossing", "Acqua Alta", "Crossing the Indian Ocean"

Sugata Bose: "Expatriate Patriots: Anticolonial Imagination and Action", "A Different Universalism? Oceanic Voyages of Poet as Pilgrim", *A Hundred Horizons: The Indian Ocean in the Age of Global Empire*, Harvard University Press, 2006.

Suggested Readings:

Michael J. Franklin. 'Orientalist Jones': *Sir William Jones, Poet, Lawyer, and Linguist, 1746- 1794*, Oxford University Press, 2011.

Claude Markovits. *India and the World: A History of Connections, C. 1750-2000*, Cambridge University Press, 2021.

Edward A. Alpers. *The Indian Ocean in World History*. Oxford University Press, 2014.

Martín Gurvich. *Living Traditions in Indian Art. Museum of Sacred Art*, 2010.

Supriya Choudhri, "Singular Universals: Rabindranath Tagore on World Literature and Literature in the World", S. Datta and S. Dasgupta (eds.) *Tagore: The World as His Nest*, Jadavpur University Press, 2016.

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