Title and Code of Course: 20th and 21st-Century Literary and Cultural Theory, MAD 2260

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Credit Point Value:	Number of Lessons	Type of Course:	Method of Evaluation:
6	per Week: 2	Seminar 🛛	Oral Examination 🛛
		Lecture 🛛	In-Class Presentation 🗆
			Other 🗆

Course Description:

This lecture course focuses on the most important literary and cultural approaches in the 20th and the 21st centuries. Students will learn about schools such as New Criticism, psychoanalytic literary theory, and reception theories, as well as approaches that focus on cultural issues, such as cultural studies, feminism, postcolonial studies, medical humanities and affect theory, among others. The lectures will introduce the approaches through literary narratives and films.

Schedule and Bibliography:

Introduction: New Criticism and Formalism

- THEORY: T. S. Eliot, "Tradition and the Individual Talent"
- POEM: T. S. Eliot, "The Lovesong of J. Alfred Prufrock"
- RECOMMENDED READING: "New Criticism, Moral Formalism and F. R.
- Leavis," Selden et al, A Reader's Guide to Contemporary Literary Theory 15-28.

Literature and Psychoanalysis

- THEORY: Blackwell, "Psychoanalysis," 163-173.
- FILM: A Dangerous Method (dir. David Cronenberg)
- RECOMMENDED READINGS: Stephen Frosh, "The Freudian Century," Laura Marcus and Ankhi Mukherjee (ed.), *A Concise Companion to Psychoanalysis, Literature, and Culture* 15-33; Juliet Mitchell, "Femininity, Narrative and
- Psychoanalysis" Lodge 387-392.

Reader-Response Theory

- THEORY: Blackwell, "Reader-Response Theory", 174-180
- SHORT STORY: James Joyce, "Araby"
- RECOMMENDED READING: Wolfgang Iser, "The Reading Process: A

Phenomenological Approach" David Lodge (ed.) Modern Criticism and Theory 188-205.

Cultural Studies

- THEORY: Blackwell, "Cultural Studies", 72-78
- FILM: The Man Who Fell to Earth (dir. Nicolas Roeg)
- RECOMMENDED READING: Nayar K Pramod, "Cultural Studies: Scope, Aim,
- Methods", An Introduction to Cultural Studies 3-44.

Feminism and Gender Studies		
• THEORY: Blackwell, "Feminist Theory", 94-101		
SHORT STORY: Virginia Woolf, "Street Haunting"		
POEM: Maya Angelou, "Still I Rise"		
RECOMMENDED READING: Fiona Tolan, "Feminisms"		
Postcolonial Theory		
• THEORY: Blackwell, "Postcolonial Studies", 135-143.		
NOVELLA: Joseph Conrad, The Heart of Darkness		
• RECOMMENDED READING: Peter Childs and Patrick Williams, "Introduction:		
Points of Departure." An Introduction to Post-Colonial Theory 1-25.		
Postmodernism		
• THEORY: Blackwell, "Postmodernism", 144-153.		
• SHORT STORIES: Angela Carter, "The Courtship of Mr Lyon" and "The Tiger's		
Bride"		
• RECOMMENDED READING: Fredric Jameson, "Introduction", Postmodernism		
ix-xxii.		
The Spatial Turn		
• THEORY: B. Warf and S. Arias, "Introduction: The Reinsertion of Space in the		
Humanities and Social Sciences," The Spatial Turn 1-10.		
• FICTION: Zadie Smith, NW, "Visitation" chapter 9-10; Zadie Smith, "The		
Embassy of Cambodia"		
• RECOMMENDED READING: M. De Certeau, "Walking in the City," <i>The</i>		
Practice of Everyday Life 102-118.		
Cosmopolitanism and Cultural Theory		
• THEORY: Sheldon Pollock, Homi K. Bhabha, Carol A. Breckenridge, and Dipesh		
Chakrabarty, "Cosmopolitanisms", Cosmopolitanism 1-14.		
• FICTION: Teju Cole, The Open City (chapter 1 & 2)		
• RECOMMENDED READINNG: Anthony Appiah, Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a		
World of Strangers (excerpts); Alexa Weik von Mossner, "Literature, Emotion, and the		
Cosmopolitan Imagination", Cosmopolitan Minds 1-28.		
Medical Humanities		
• THEORY: "Introducing Medical Humanities," Thomas R. Cole, Nathan S. Carlin,		
Ronald A. Carson, <i>Medical Humanities: An Introduction</i> .		
FICTION: William Styron, "Darkness Visible"		
 RECOMMENDED READINNG: "Narratives of Illness", Thomas R. Cole, Nathan 		
S. Carlin, Ronald A. Carson, <i>Medical Humanities: An Introduction</i> .		
The Affective Turn		
• THEORY: Suzanne Keen, "Contemporary Perspectives on Empathy," <i>Empathy</i>		
and the Novel 1-36.		
 SHORT STORY: Doris Lessing, "The Pit" 		
 RECOMMENDED READING: Carolyn Pedwell, "Introduction", <i>Affective</i> 		
Relations: The Transnational Politics of Empathy 1-43.		
Actuations. The Transmutoriu Founds of Emplany 1-75.		