

LICENCE DEGREE COURSE IN ENGLISH STUDIES INTRODUCTION

The Faculty of Languages (*UFR de Langues*) of the University of Nantes offers both French and exchange students the possibility of taking classes as part of a Degree Course in English Studies (*Licence LLCE [Langues, Littératures et Civilisations Étrangères]*). Courses are taught by the English Department comprising 34 permanent professors and lecturers and 9 temporary *lecteurs* drawn from our partner universities in the United Kingdom and North America. The Degree is organised over a three-year period with each year being divided in two semesters, making a total of 6 semesters in all (S1 → S6). Each year follows on from the previous one but it is still possible for exchange students to follow classes in Years 2 or 3 without having attended classes in Year 1, provided they have the necessary level. Virtually all classes are given in English. The subjects covered include:

- *Civilisation* (History, Politics, Cultural Studies...)
- *Français* (French Literature course taught in French)
- *Langue Orale* (spoken English with a native-speaker *lecteur/lectrice*)
- *Linguistique/Phonétique/Grammaire/Faits de Langue* (Linguistics, Phonetics, Grammar...)
- *Littérature* (British and American literature from the 16th century to the present)
- *Pratique de la Langue* (listening comprehension...)
- *Traduction/Thème/Version* (Translation: French>English and English>French)

In Year 3 it is possible to choose from a range of specialities and options in Modules HCA5-4, HCA5-5, HCA5-6 (semester 1) and HCA6-4, HCA6-5 & HCA6-6 (semester 2). In French the modules are referred to as 'UE' meaning *unité d'enseignement* and each counts for 5 ECTS credits.

Most modules are assessed by semestrial examinations which take place during the first two weeks in January (for Semester 1 classes) and during the last two weeks in May (for Semester 2 classes). Resit examinations are organised in June. Some courses require students to hand in work on a regular basis.

Lectures (CMs) are given either in amphitheatres or large lecture rooms with an attendance of up to 150 students. Classes (TDs) take place in smaller classrooms where there are between 25 and 45 students taking part. *Lecteur* classes (TPs) are organized for Spoken English Practice and here the groups are smaller (10-18 students on average). All classes take place at the FACULTE DES LANGUES ETRANGERES on the Humanities Campus north of the city centre and easily accessible by tram and bus.

The following courses are offered for the period 2017-2023.

SEMESTER 1

Each UE counts for 5 ECTS credits. The semester runs over 12 weeks.

UE	MODULES	COURSES	NB HOURS/TERM	SUPERVISOR
HCA3-1	LANGUE	Syntaxe (A/B)	12h CM + 12h TD	Donazzan
		Phonétique (C)	12h CM	
HCA3-2	LANGUE	Traduction A/B	24h TD	Thiec
		Langue orale C	12h TP	Lecteurs
HCA3-3	CULTURE	Lecture de documents Civilisation (A/B)	12h CM + 12h TD	Carboni
		Lecture de documents Littérature (C/D)	12h CM + 12h TD	Carboni
HCA3-5	RENFORCEMENT LV1	Littérature (3/4) & Civilisation (1/2)	12h CM + 24h TD	Le Jeune
HCA3-6	COMPETENCES TRANSVERSALES	Cultures du monde	24 CM + 16 TD	Carboni / Reda Tagri
		Compétences numériques		
HCA3N4	LV2	Littérature cinema	12 TD	Blandeau
		Lecture de documents	12 TD	
		Pratique de la langue	12 TD	
		Langue orale	12 TD	

* Information will be provided at the information meeting in September.

SEMESTER 2

Each UE counts for 5 ECTS credits. The semester runs over 12 weeks.

UE	MODULES	COURSES	NB HOURS/ TERM	SUPERVISOR
HCA4-1	LANGUE (5)	Syntaxe	12h CM + 12h TD	Donazzan
		Phonétique	12h CM	
HCA4-2	LANGUE (6)	Langue orale	12h TP	Lecteurs
		Traduction	24h TD	Feith
HCA4-3	CULTURE	Lecture de documents Civilisation (A/B)	12h CM + 12h TD	Godet
		Lecture de documents Littérature (C/D)	12h CM + 12h TD	El Moncef
HCA4-5	RENFORCEMENT LV1	Littérature & Civilisation	12h CM + 24h TD	Carboni
HCA4-N4 A/B/C/D	COMPETENCES TRANSVERSALES	Littérature cinéma		Carboni/Nail
		Lecture de documents		
		Pratique de la langue		
		Langue orale		

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Semestre 1

• HCA3-1 LANGUE

Syntaxe (A/B)

This course is an introduction to the syntax of English. Syntax is a branch of linguistics, the study of language ; it studies the rules, principles and processes that govern the structure of well-formed sentences. In this class, we approach simple and complex sentences in English by identifying the category and roles of constituents at each level of analysis. From a theoretical point of view, we follow a descriptive approach informed with principles of Generative Grammar.

Useful resources for the course include :

Burton-Roberts, N. (2011) *Analysing Sentences. An introduction to English Syntax*. Longman [Learning about Language series]

Tortora, C. (2018) *Understanding Sentence Structure: An Introduction to English Syntax*. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell (*Linguistics in the World* series)

Wekker, H. & L. Haegeman (1985), *A Modern Course in English Syntax*, Routledge.

• HCA3-1/C PHONETIQUE

Lexical stress will be the core concept of this course. The following notions will be addressed:

- The phonetic properties of stressed vs. unstressed syllables;
- the lexical value of word/phrase-level stress and the different levels of stress;
- the relationship between morphology (word composition) and phonology (stress patterns);
- the most productive patterns for stress placement in English.

Coursework will include systematizing the relationship between orthographic and phonemic transcription, once again through the key linguistic phenomenon of lexical stress.

Compulsory reading

Duchet, J.-L. (1994), *Code de l'anglais oral*. Gap: Ophrys.

or Fournier, J.-M. (2010). *Manuel d'anglais oral*. Paris : Ophrys.

Suggested references (available at the University Library)

Guierre, L.(1984). *Drills in English Stress Patterns*. Paris: Armand Colin.

McHardy, J. (1993). *Collins COBUILD English guides : 2. Word formation*. London: Harper Collins.

Roach, P. (2009). *English Phonetics and Phonology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Students are also encouraged to use dictionaries containing phonemic transcriptions (e.g. *Wordreference*, *Cambridge English Dictionary*, *Oxford English Dictionaries*). Such dictionaries are available online free of charge.

- **HCA3-2 LANGUE : Traduction**
- **HCA3-2A (Thème) et HCA3-2B (Version)**

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- **HCA3-3 CULTURE**

(ex. UE 33) – **Early modern British history and literature**

1. History

Civil liberties and parliamentary institutions: historical landmarks in British civilisation studies (12th-18th centuries)

This course will examine chronologically as well as conceptually the historical context of the civilisation of the British Isles. Tracing the origins and development of the key notions of civil liberties and parliamentary institutions, the lectures will deal with several aspects of the social, political and cultural history of the four nations from the Middle Ages to the 18th century:

- 1) Magna Carta and the Model Parliament
- 2) The Reformation and Revolutionary Protestantism
- 3) The Civil Wars, the abolition of the monarchy and the republican experience
- 4) The Glorious Revolution and the origins of Parliamentary Monarchy

Students will be handed out a selection of historical documents for individual study as well as for commentary analysis in tutorial groups.

Textbook (compulsory reading):

MIOCHE Antoine. *Les grandes dates de l'histoire britannique*. Paris : Hachette Supérieur, 2003.

Bibliography:

COTTRET, Bernard. *Histoire de l'Angleterre. De Guillaume le conquérant à nos jours*. Paris : Tallandier, 2007.

COTTRET, Bernard, Charles GIRY-DELOISON, et Evelyn CRUICKSHANKS. *Histoire des îles Britanniques. XVIe-XVIIIe siècles*. Paris : Nathan, 1994. Réimpression, Paris : Armand Colin, 2005.

FORD, Boris, ed. *The Cambridge Cultural History of Britain*. Vols 2-6. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992.

LANGFORD, Paul, ed. *The Short Oxford History of the British Isles*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001.

LEBECQ, Stéphane, Fabrice BENSIMON, Frédérique LACHAUD, et François-Joseph RUGGIU. *Histoire des îles Britanniques*. Paris : PUF, 2007.

2. Literature

Pierre CARBONI : The Tragedy of Macbeth

Macbeth is Shakespeare's shortest tragedy, and a fascinating story of ambition, usurpation, and murder. It is also a good entry into the various questions that fascinated the English Renaissance: order and disorder, governance (succession, tyranny), gender differences, evil and ambiguity. The course will introduce students to all these themes and help them navigate the complex language of Shakespeare's drama.

Requested edition:

SHAKESPEARE, William. *Macbeth*. Ed. Sandra Clark & Pamela Mason. Bloomsbury Arden Shakespeare, 2015.

Bibliography:

- GREENBLATT, Stephen. *Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare* (Norton, 2004)
- KERMODE, Frank. *Shakespeare's Language* (Penguin Books, 2001)
- SINFIELD, Allan. *Macbeth by William Shakespeare* (New Casebooks Series, 1992)
- TILLYARD, E. M. *The Elizabethan World Picture* (Chatto & Windus, 1943)

Websites:

- Shakespeare's complete works online:

<http://shakespeare.mit.edu>

- The Digitalized First Folio online:

https://library.leeds.ac.uk/special-collections/view/579/11_the_significance_of_the_first_folio_the_plays

- Blank Verse (Victoria & Albert Museum Website):

<http://www.vam.ac.uk/content/articles/f/forms-of-verse-blank-verse/>

- "Introducing Iambic Pentameter," A Video from the Royal Shakespeare Company:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Qv-sjQHgZ8>

Film adaptations:

- Orson Welles, *Macbeth* (1948)
- Akira Kurosawa, *Throne of Blood / Le Château de l'araignée* (1957)
- Roman Polanski, *The Tragedy of Macbeth* (1972)
- Vishal Bhardwaj, *Maqbool* (2003)
- Justin Kurtzel, *Macbeth* (2015, with Michael Fassbender, Marion Cotillard and David Thewlis)

Pierre CARBONI : Forms and themes of the 18th-century novel: Goldsmith's *The Vicar of Wakefield*

The Vicar of Wakefield is a short comic fiction published in 1766 by the Irish poet, dramatist, essayist and novelist Oliver Goldsmith. In terms of narrative technique, themes, style and genre, this fictitious memoir by an unreliable narrator features several of the dominant or emergent conventions of the novel in the second half of the 18th century such as sentimentalism, melodramatic theatricality, satire and didacticism. Both the course of lectures and close reading sessions in tutorial groups will address the remarkable profusion of an apparently simple and extremely popular classic.

Requested edition:

GOLDSMITH, Oliver, *The Vicar of Wakefield*, ed. Arthur Friedman with an introduction and notes by Robert L. Mack, Oxford World's Classics, Oxford University Press, 2006.

Bibliography

BATAILLE, Robert A., "City and Country in *The Vicar of Wakefield*", *Eighteenth-Century Life* 3 (1977), 112-14.

BATTESTIN, Martin, "Goldsmith: The Comedy of Job", *The Providence of Wit: Aspects of Form in Augustan Literature and the Arts*, Oxford, Clarendon, 1974, 193-214.

BRISSENDEN, R. F., *Virtue in Distress: Studies in the Novel of Sentiment from Richardson to Sade*, New York, Barnes and Noble, 1974.

CARSON, James P., "'The Little Republic' of the Family: Goldsmith's Politics of Nostalgia", *Eighteenth-Century Fiction* 16/2 (2004), 174-96.

CONGER, Sydney McMillan, ed., *Sensibility in Transformation: Creative Resistance to Sentiment from the Augustans to the Romantics. Essays in Honour of Jean H. Hagstrum*, Rutherford, Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 1990.

FERGUSON, Oliver W., "Goldsmith as Ironist", *Studies in Philology* 81/2 (1984), 212-28.

JAARSMAN, Richard J., "Satiric Intent in *The Vicar of Wakefield*", *Studies in Short Fiction* 5 (1967-8), 331-41.

RICHETTI, John, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to the Eighteenth-Century Novel*, Cambridge University Press, 2006.

ROGERS, Henry N., "God's Implausible Plot: The Providential Design of *The Vicar of Wakefield*", *Philological Review* 28/1 (2002), 5-17.

- **HCA3-5 Reinforcement LV1 (36h)**

Native American Literature, History and Anthropology

CM (12h en civilisation)+TD (12h en civilisation et 12h en littérature)

TD de littérature (12h) Michel FEITH

The Painted Drum (2005), by Louise Erdrich

These tutorials are meant as a companion piece to the lecture and tutorials on Native American civilization of the United States and Canada. Their purpose is to introduce to the literary expression of Native worldviews through one specific novel, Louise Erdrich's 2005 *The Painted Drum*, which tackles various issues like Native dispossession, alienation and resistance; relation to nature and animals; rituals, shamanism and spirituality. The close reading of the novel will provide opportunities for wider roaming into tribal issues and visions, which help deepen the understanding of the text. This will also imply forays into the fields of history and anthropology, as seen from a Native perspective.

(mandatory reading) Erdrich, Louise. *The Painted Drum*. New York: HarperCollins, 2005

Short Bibliography :

Bouzonviller, Elisabeth. *Louise Erdrich : métissage et écriture, histoires d'Amérique*. Saint-Etienne : Publications de l'Université de Saint-Etienne, 2014.

Rigal-Cellard, Bernadette. *Le Mythe et la plume : La littérature indienne contemporaine en Amérique du Nord*. Monaco : Ed. du Rocher, 2004.

Stirrup, David. *Louise Erdrich*. Manchester, UK and New York: Manchester UP, 2010.

CM (12h) et TD (12h) de civilisation : Françoise LE JEUNE

Introduction to Native American history and Indigenous studies in the United States and Canada

The lectures and tutorials will cover several themes that illustrate the fight of Native American tribes to claim their rights, their land and their traditions back, in today's Canada and the USA. We will take into account the long history of the troubled relationships between colonizers and "First Nations" in colonial British America from the 17th c. to the beginning of the 20th century. We will examine the British and American governments' attempts at eradicating native tribes, at dispossessing them from their ancestral land and at their brutal cultural assimilation. Then through the close study of some emblematic cases, we will discuss the long road taken by native tribes in the 20th and 21st centuries to obtain the legal recognition of their indigenous rights, to claim back their land and in the case of Canada to bring the government to officially apologize to indigenous peoples.

Short bibliography:

Dickason, Olive and William Newbigging, *Indigenous Peoples Within Canada: A Concise History*, Toronto, London, Oxford University Press, 2018

Dunbar-Ortiz, Roxanne, *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*, Boston, Beacon Press, 2014. (disponible sur kindle)

Larré Lionel (dir.), *La Fabrique du sauvage dans la culture nord-américaine*, Bordeaux, Presses Universitaires de Bordeaux, 2010.

Kymlycka W. and Bashir Bashir eds, *The Politics of Reconciliation in Multicultural Societies*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2008

Wilson, James, *The Earth Shall Weep, A History of Native America*, New York, Grove Press, 1999

Wilson, James, *The Earth Shall Weep, A History of Native America*, New York, Grove Press, 1999

- **HCA3-6**

HCA3N4 LV2

(HCA3N4A / HCA3N4B / HCA3N4C+ HCA3N4D (TP lecteur))

Literature and Film

“Three literary classics and their translation into film”. The course focuses on three classics of British literature, *Pride and Prejudice* (Jane Austen, 1813), *The Go-Between* (L.P. Hartley, 1953), and *Atonement* (Ian McEwan, 2001). Some passages from the three literary works will be studied along with the corresponding film extracts. The adaptations to the screen are those made respectively by Joe Wright (*Pride and Prejudice*, 2006), Joseph Losey (*The Go-Between*, 1971), and Joe Wright again (*Atonement*, 2007).

Bibliography:

J.C. Tibbetts & J.M. Welsh, eds., *The Encyclopedia of Novels into Film*, 2nd ed., Checkmark Books, (1998) 2005.

R. Stam & A. Raengo, eds., *Literature and Film*, Blackwell Publishing, 2005.

Laurent Mellet & Shannon Wells-Lassagne, *Etudier l'adaptation filmique. Cinéma anglais, cinéma américain*, Rennes: P.U.R., 2010.

Semestre 2

- **HCA4-1 LANGUE (ex UE 41)**

Syntaxe (A/B)

This course will be devoted to the study of complex sentences and non-finite subordinate clauses. We will compare the analysis of foregrounding structures (clefting, pseudo-cleft sentences) and other complex structures (extraposition, nominal relative). This analysis will be rooted on texts so as to combine syntax and semantics and to introduce notions of pragmatics.

Bibliography

Larrea, P. & Rivière, C. (1999, 2006), *Grammaire explicative de l'anglais*, Longman.

Quirk, R. & S. Greenbaum (1973), *A University Grammar of English*, Longman.

Radford, A. (2003) *Syntax, A Minimalist Introduction*, Cambridge University Press.

Wekker, H. & L. Haegeman (1985), *A Modern Course in English Syntax*, Routledge.

- **HCA4-1C PHONETIQUE**

This advanced graphophonemics course will try and answer a fundamental question: how can we know exactly how to pronounce English words? Drawing on contents covered in previous semesters (namely IPA transcription and lexical stress placement), we will address the regularities of English spelling and pronunciation through the study of the following elements:

- the different tensing and laxing phonetic contexts (and their orthographic correlates);
- the double constraint effect of some stress-imposing derivational suffixes (morphophonology and graphophonemics)
- the syllable/word/phrase-level phonetic changes in connected speech, such as linking, elision, or assimilation (phonotactics).

Suggested references (available at the University Library)

Duchet, J.-L. (1994), *Code de l'anglais oral*. Gap: Ophrys.

Kaisse, E. M. (1985). *Connected speech : the interaction of syntax and phonology*. Orlando: Academic Press.

Knight, R.-A. (2012). *Phonetics: a coursebook*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Roach, P. (2009). *English Phonetics and Phonology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Students are also encouraged to use dictionaries containing phonemic transcriptions (e.g. *Wordreference, Cambridge English Dictionary, Oxford English Dictionaries*). Such dictionaries are available online free of charge.

- **HCA4-2 LANGUE : traduction**

HCA4-2A (Thème) et HCA4-2B (Version)

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U.S History Survey: From the Civil War to the 1960s

CM (12h) : Mme Aurélie GODET / TD (1h hebdo, soit 12h au total) : Mme Aurélie GODET ou Mme Ambre IVOL

This course is meant to provide you with a survey of the political, social, economic, and cultural development of the United States from Reconstruction through the 1960s, while simultaneously working on your comprehension and speaking/writing skills.

During the weekly lectures, specific attention will be directed to:

- Reconstruction
- westward expansion and the birth of an industrial economy
- Gilded Age politics and the Progressive Era
- American imperialism
- World War I
- the Roaring Twenties and the Great Depression
- the New Deal
- World War II
- the Cold War
- civil rights and the 1960s in America

Tutorials will focus on the analysis of twelve historical documents related to your US history lecture and collated by your instructor.

Recommended reading:

American Yawp, a free, online, collaboratively built, open American history textbook designed for college-level history courses (www.americanyawp.com)

BOYER, Paul S. *American History: A Very Short Introduction* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012)

LOEWEN, James W. *Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1996)

- **Littérature**

HCA4-3C/D

Self vs. Society: Romance and Iconoclasm in American Culture and Literature

Focusing on Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter* and Todd Haynes's *Far from Heaven*, this course revolves around an investigation into U.S. literary and cinematic representations of romance as an idealized narrative space in which is projected a potentially utopian idea of the primacy of the self (with its individual desires and specificities) over the normative conventions of society. The lectures (CM) are articulated in two segments: a theoretical preamble and a set of applied readings and analyses based on the course's primary material. The theoretical segment will deal with the significance in the American philosophical tradition, starting with the nineteenth-century American Renaissance, of the affirmation of the self (its divinity, its drive for perfection, its fundamentally unique aspirations) over against the imperatives of social conformity.

Bibliography

Gluck, Will. *Easy A*. Los Angeles: Sony Pictures, 2010. **(Mandatory.¹)**

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. *The Scarlet Letter*. Norton Critical Editions. New York; London: Norton & Company, 1978.²

Hooks, Bell. *Teaching to Transgress: Education as the Practice of Freedom*. London; Oxford: Routledge, 1994. **(Mandatory. Available online.)**

Haynes, Todd. *Far from Heaven*. Los Angeles: Focus Features, 2002. **(Mandatory.)**

Rougemont, Denis de. *Love in the Western World*. Princeton: Princeton UP, 1983. **(Highly recommended.)**

Thoreau, Henry David. "On the Duty of Civil Disobedience." In *Walden and "Civil*

1 **1. Mandatory = Obligatoire. La lecture ou le visionnement approfondis de l'œuvre sont obligatoires.**

2 **2. This edition is the official edition of the course and will be used for all page references. No other edition will be used by the teacher.**

Disobedience.” New York: New American Library, 1960. **(Mandatory. Available online.)**
Whitman, Walt. “Song of Myself.” *Leaves of Grass and Other Writings*. Norton Critical Editions. New York; London: Norton & Company, 2002. **(Mandatory.)**

- **HCA4-N4 (LV2)**

The Jazz Age in film, art, and fiction

Lecture course

The course centers upon a reading of *The Great Gatsby* in the context of the Jazz Age (the 1920s). The lectures will seek to inquire into the more conventional romantic dimension of Fitzgerald’s novel as well as its broader socioeconomic and cultural context—the various economic, social, and cultural elements that are represented in the author’s love story: aspects of acculturation, particularly in relation to class status and socioeconomic success; dress and social codes, manners; the determination of gender and sexual roles by socioeconomic status; ostentatious wealth and the material and symbolic privileges of the upper classes. A presentation of Woody Allen’s fictional exploration of 1920s Paris in his *Midnight in Paris* will be conducted in class with the aim of better clarifying the cultural context of the Jazz Age.

Tutorials

The tutorials (*TD*) revolve around various narratological, thematic, and sociocultural readings of key excerpts from the texts referenced in the course bibliography. Part of the tutorials will also operate as composition and language skills workshops during which we deal with different aspects of language and composition as well as certain aspects of film and narrative craft:

- **Constructing narrative structure—plot**
- **Reader expectations; building up suspense**
- **Point of view and perspective**
- **Characterization (creating and developing a character)**

During the workshops, you will be required to fulfill very simple, short writing assignments—group composed pieces of 250-400 words. These short creative writing tasks (describing an object, comparing two things, writing about a childhood memory, recounting a dream, etc.) are in turn read by the educator and presented in class for editing, discussion, and analysis. This dimension of the workshop sessions involves discovery and exploration of the basic processes of composition:

- **Brainstorming (organizing thoughts, notes, note-taking)**
- **Drafting; what is a draft?**
- **Proof-reading for narrative mistakes**
- **Proof-reading for stylistic mistakes (in-class group work with proof-reading worksheets)**
- **Final draft**

The first text that will be studied in the tutorial is **Chapter III** from F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *The Great Gatsby*. We will compare Fitzgerald’s text with the first party sequence in Baz Luhrmann’s and Jack Clayton’s film adaptations of *Gatsby*.

The works listed below are mandatory. Since all of them are available online and in the B.U., be sure to study them.

Course Bibliography

Allen, Woody. *Midnight in Paris*. Paris: TF1 Vidéo, 2011.

Clayton, Jack. *The Great Gatsby*. Los Angeles: Paramount Pictures, 2004.

Fitzgerald, F. Scott. *The Great Gatsby*. London: Penguin Books, 1986. Selected chapters.

Hemingway, Ernest. *The Sun Also Rises*. London: Arrow Books, 2004. Part One.

Luhrmann, Baz. *The Great Gatsby*. Los Angeles: Warner Home Video, 2013.

Milford, Nancy. *Zelda Fitzgerald*. London; Sydney: Penguin, 1970.

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HCA 4-5 reinforcement (12h CM + 24h TD)

Volet 1

Pierre Carboni (12h CM + 12h TD)

Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein ; or, The Modern Prometheus* (1818; reissued in 1831) : Romantic Fiction and the Rise of the British Working Class

This class will examine an instance of the literary implications of the political and sociological changes introduced by the French and English Revolutions in the 17th and 18th centuries as well as those resulting from the Industrial Revolution in its formative years (1780-1832). Although *Frankenstein*, whose fictional action is set in the second half of the 18th century, does not address such historical “moments” in descriptive or realistic terms, the novel reveals, in its own metaphorical or “mythopoeic” language, an acute awareness of the “monstrous” forces at work in the politics and society of the time. The novel’s typology of sympathy vs repulsion, philosophical tale vs horror story, also reflects the radical middle classes’ ambiguous response to the various political and social demands (suffrage, housing, welfare) emanating from the “sleeping giant,” the rising working class.

- 1) “Hideous progeny”: Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley and her time.
- 2) “The dissecting room”: the novel’s Chinese box structure.
- 3) “So beautiful, yet terrific”: beauty vs horror.
- 4) “In his murder my crimes are consummated”: an ambiguous philosophical tale.

1) Compulsory reading

Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein*, ed. Maurice Hindle, London, Penguin Classics, 2003.

2) Secondary Reading (for consulting only in the University Library)

George Levine and U. C. Knoepfelmacher eds., *The Endurance of Frankenstein: Essays on Mary Shelley's Novel*, Berkeley, Los Angeles, London, U of California P, 1979.

Johanna M. Smith ed., *Mary Shelley: Frankenstein, Case Studies in Contemporary Criticism*, Boston, St Martin's P, 1992.

E. P. Thompson, *The Making of the English Working Class*, 1963 (1968), London, Penguin, 1991.

Volet 2

Agnès Blandeau (12h TD)

English Literature and Film

The tutorial will examine a series of extracts from nineteenth-century literary classics and their translation to film. Each single extract will be closely analysed along with its film adaptation. Particular attention will be paid to the key role played by focalisation and the narrative technique in both text and film.

The extracts will be drawn from major works by authors such as Jane Austen, Charlotte Brontë, Thomas Hardy, William Makepeace Thackeray, Robert Louis Stevenson, among others.

Bibliography (All the books are available at the university library):

Adam James Eli, *A History of Victorian Literature*, 2009.

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, *Twenty-first Century Perspectives on Victorian Literature*, 2014.

Wiley Online Library, *A New Companion to Victorian Literature and Culture*, 2014.

Michael Wheeler, *English Fiction of the Victorian Period: 1830-1890*, 1985.

Stam Robert & Alessandra Raengo, *A Companion to Literature and Film*, 2005.

James Welsh and Peter Lev, *The Literature / Film Reader: Issues of Adaptation*, 2007.

James Naremore, *Film Adaptation*, 2000.

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