



**Certificate of Higher Education Courses 2014-15
Course Information Document**

In this document you will find key information regarding the course's aims and learning outcomes; when the course takes place; the assessment involved; minimum course requirements for assessment; and possible prerequisites and suggested preliminary reading.

You will also find information about which Certificates this course's credits count towards.

Course Name: The Later Modern Novel

Course Tutor(s): Pamela Ross BA MLitt

Credits and Level: 20 credits at level 1

These credits can be counted towards either of the following 120 Credit Certificates in Higher Education:

- European Civilisation
- Literary Studies
- Creative & Cultural Studies

See our website for further details: www.gla.ac.uk/courses/openstudies/certhe/

Introduction

In this course we will examine the novel from the time of World War Two, studying texts that employ a variety of literary styles and techniques. Major themes will be considered. Discussions will be placed within the overall context of literary historical movements. Authors whose work we will discuss include Margaret Atwood, Paul Auster, Bret Easton Ellis, James Kelman, Jean Rhys and Kurt Vonnegut.

Aims

Provide a detailed history of the contemporary novel; present the novel within the overall context of current literary movements; promote study of the major principles and techniques of the different kinds of novelistic writing which have emerged since World War Two.

Intended learning outcomes

Discuss novel writing in relation to the literary historical changes that have taken place since world war two; recognise and comment in detail upon the different characteristics and styles associated with the different styles of novel writing; write critically, coherently and perceptively on major issues covered by the course; demonstrate basic skills in academic research, and use standard academic conventions in written presentations; present written ideas in a coherent and well-argued fashion.

Prerequisites: None

What will I be expected to do to complete the course successfully?

You will be expected to attend the **22** meetings held at the main university campus on **Tuesday** from **19:00 - 21:00**, starting on **23/09/2014** and finishing on **24/03/2015**.

The course is designed for students who want to undertake assessment to gain credit to use either as part of the Certificate of Higher Education, or another higher education qualification (see the brochure for more information on this). Students who choose not to undertake all or some of the assessment are welcome to attend, but should be aware that assessment forms a key part of the course.

In order to achieve credits, students must complete at least 75% of the course summative assessment listed below:

| | Assessment Type | Percentage of final grade | Assessment Due: | |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------|
| 1 | Essay | 30% | End of 1 st Semester | 2014 |
| 2 | Essay | 30% | Middle of 2 nd Semester | 2015 |
| 3 | Exam | 40% | April/May Exam Diet | 2015 |

Some suggested preliminary reading: **Kurt Vonnegut: Slaughterhouse 5; Jean Rhys: Wide Sargasso Sea; Sam Selvon: The Lonely Londoners; Margaret Atwood: The Handmaid's Tale; Paul Auster: City of Glass in The New York Trilogy; Angela Carter: Wise Children; Bret Easton Ellis: American Psycho; James Kelman: How late it was, how late; Jeanette Winterson: Oranges are Not the Only Fruit; J.M.Coetzee: Disgrace**

How much will the course cost? What concessions are available?

The full fee for the course includes tuition and membership of the University Library. For this session's fees, please see the 2014-2015 CertHE catalogue.

If you are on a low income, you may qualify for the Scottish Government's Individual Learning Accounts scheme, which can be used as part-payment for all Certificate of Higher Education (and language) courses (typically £200). For more details, and to open an account, please telephone 0808 100 1090, or see their website www.myworldofwork.co.uk/content/ila-scotland-funding-for-you. Note that you must have set up your ILA before you can enrol on a course, and before the course start date.

If you plan to study CertHE courses totaling 30 credits or more in year 2014-15, you may be eligible to apply for the part-time fee grant (PTFG) which can contribute towards course fees. Students in receipt of certain state benefits or those who are earning £25,000 or less per year including any private and state pensions may be eligible. For further information visit www.glasgow.ac.uk/services/centreforopenstudies/ and to download an application pack with completion guidelines please visit the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) website: www.saas.gov.uk/part_time/ug/index.htm Or telephone: 0300 300 3137

Please note you may have a balance to pay once the PTFG has been applied

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Prior credit

It is possible to transfer credit from courses at higher education level studied elsewhere, such as those from the Open University, into the CertHE programme. For further advice on this, please contact the Guidance Officer, Irene Vezza.

Irene can be contacted at 0141 330 1823 or via email at irene.vezza@glasgow.ac.uk.

Note for undergraduate students

Please be aware that Centre for Open Studies CertHE classes may be rather different in style to the classes you are used to in the full-time University programme. Our classes are typically small and mostly consist of part-time and mature students. Traditionally they are discussion-based classes rather than lectures, in which students are encouraged to contribute their own observations and questions under the guidance of the tutor. Undergraduate students are nonetheless very welcome to join.

Note for visually impaired students

This course information sheet can be provided in larger type (please telephone 0141 330 1835 to request it). The information it contains can also be found on our website:

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/centreforopenstudies/>

Additional support for students

The Centre for Open Studies welcomes applications from students with particular study needs. In conjunction with the University's Disability Service, we will provide suitable help and support for students wherever practicable. Please let us know about your situation so that we can do all we can to help. You can take the opportunity to advise us of your requirements when you submit your enrolment form to us, but later notification is also invited. A first point of contact is our disability coordinator Irene Vezza (0141 330 1823 or irene.vezza@glasgow.ac.uk).