



## University of International Business and Economics International Summer School

### LIT 210 History of the Novel in English

**Term: May 27 – June 27, 2019**

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**Class Hours: Monday through Thursday, 120 minutes each day (2,400 minutes in total)**

**Office Hours: TBD**

**Discussion Session: 2 hours each week**

**Total Contact Hours: 64 contact hours (45 minutes each, 48 hours in total)**

**Credit: 4 units**

#### **Course Description:**

This course provides an overview of the development of the novel through the following six novels: Daniel Defoe, *Robinson Crusoe* (excerpts); Samuel Richardson, *Pamela* (excerpts); Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*; Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*; F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*; James Joyce, *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*. The course takes up these novels as representative texts of the development that the novel underwent from the epistolary and autobiographical forms in the 18th century to complex narrative structures in the 20th century. In addition to the major changes in the form of the novel, the course also looks at these novels as representative texts of the rich and everevolving relation of the novel to its social setting: reflecting and shaping morality in Richardson and Defoe, bringing social issues to public attention in Austen and Dickens, delivering a scathing critique against capitalism and catholicism in Fitzgerald and Joyce. The theme of social justice will provide the overriding theme of our course as we move from novel to novel.

#### **Course Goals:**

By the end of this course, students will have a better appreciation and a clearer understanding of the novel as a carrier of universal themes *and* context-specific truths; they will also gain an understanding of the novel as a vehicle for social critique.

#### **Required Textbooks: (Available at no charge)**

Samuel Richardson, *Pamela* (excerpts)

Daniel Defoe, *Robinson Crusoe* (excerpts)

Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*

Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*

F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*  
James Joyce, *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*

### Required Assignments:

Course requirements include a midterm exam and a final exam, two presentations, and 4 short essays (2-3 pages). Students must keep up with the readings, and be prepared to participate before and after each lecture. Students are strongly encouraged to do as much of the assigned reading as possible, **prior to the beginning of the summer session.**

Students wishing to take this course to satisfy a **writing requirement** will be given this option and, **in addition to course requirements**, will be expected to write 1) two 3-4 page essays (argument/analysis essays) that take a position on an aspect of social justice as it is depicted in any of two novels assigned; 2) one 10-12 page essay with proper documentation (academic research essay) on an aspect of social justice as it is informed by three of the assigned novels. Students choosing this option must meet with the instructor before the third class meeting, and draw up a schedule for turning in drafts, revisions, and finished versions of each paper.

### Grading Policy:

- ◇ Midterm: 15%
- ◇ Final Exam: 15%
- ◇ 2 Presentations: 20%
- ◇ 4 Essays: 40%
- ◇ Class participation: 10%

### Grading Scale:

Assignments and examinations will be graded according to the following grade scale:

<b>A</b>	90-100	<b>C+</b>	72-74
<b>A-</b>	85-89	<b>C</b>	68-71
<b>B+</b>	82-84	<b>C-</b>	64-67
<b>B</b>	78-81	<b>D</b>	60-63
<b>B-</b>	75-77	<b>F</b>	below 60

### Class Rules:

#### Instructor's Policies for this Course

Students are expected to:

- ◇ Attend all class meetings
- ◇ Complete assigned readings on time
- ◇ Respect other students' input and communicate ethically



- ✧ Make positive contributions and participate in class activities, not engage in side conversations, website browsing, or text messaging

### **University Policies for this Course**

This university has policies for academic conduct, including those regarding plagiarism and cheating. It is your duty to know these policies and not to violate them in any way. Academic misconduct is a serious offense and can be grounds for failing this course and possible expulsion from the university.

### **Attendance Policy:**

Summer school is very intense and, to be successful, students need to attend every class. Occasionally, due to illness or other unavoidable circumstance, a student may need to miss a class. UIBE policy requires a medical certificate to be excused. Any unexcused absence may affect the student's grade. Moreover, UIBE policy is that a student who has more than 1/3 of the class in unexcused absences will fail the course.

### **Course Schedule:**

#### **Monday May 27:**

Lecture: The Rise of the Novel  
Introduction to the course Assign Student Presentations

#### **Tuesday May 28:**

Lecture, The epistolary novel; Richardson; Pamela  
Reading Due: Pamela, letters I-XX 4 Student Presentations, 8-10 min each

#### **Wednesday May 19:**

Lecture, The Epistolary Novel, Pamela; Clarissa  
Reading Due: Pamela, letters XXI-XXX  
4 Student Presentations, 8-10 min each

#### **Thursday May 30:**

Lecture, The Rise of the Novel; Defoe; Robinson Crusoe

#### **Monday June 3:**

Lecture, Robinson Crusoe; Moll Flanders  
Reading Due: Robinson Crusoe, chapters I-VII  
4 Student Presentations, 8-10 min each

#### **Tuesday June 4:**

Lecture: Colonialism  
Reading Due: Robinson Crusoe, chapters VIII-XIV



4 Student Presentations, 8-10 min each

**Wednesday June 5:**

Lecture: The novel and social commentary; Austen; Pride and Prejudice Reading Due: Pride and Prejudice, vol. 1.

Short Essay #1 due (2-3 pages).

**Thursday June 6:**

Lecture: Pride and Prejudice, Sense and Sensibility Reading Due: Pride and Prejudice, vol. 2.

4 Student Presentations, 8-10 min each

Saturday June 9:

First essay to satisfy writing requirement due (3-4 pages)

**Monday June 10:**

Lecture: Lecture: Social critique

Reading Due: Pride and Prejudice, vol. 3.

4 Student presentations, 8-10 min each

**Tuesday June 11:**

Midterm

Short Essay #2 due (2-3 pages).

**Wednesday June 12:**

Lecture: The Novel and the tradition of Bildungsroman; Dickens; Great Expectations

Reading Due: Great Expectations, chapters I-XV

**Thursday June 13:**

Lecture: Great Expectations, Hard Times, Oliver Twist

Reading Due: Great Expectations, chapters XVI-XXX

4 Student presentations, 8-10 min each

**Monday June 17:**

Lecture: Social Justice

Reading Due: Great Expectations, chapters XXXI-LIX

4 Student presentations, 8-10 min each

**Tuesday June 18:**

Lecture, The novel in the age of Modernity; Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby Reading Due: The Great Gatsby, chapters 1-3 Short Essay #3 due (2-3 pages).

**Wednesday June 19:**

Lecture: The lost generation

Reading Due: The Great Gatsby, chapters 4-6

4 Student presentations, 8-10 min each



**Thursday June 20:**

Lecture: The critique of capitalism  
Reading Due: The Great Gatsby, chapters 7-9  
4 Student presentations, 8-10 min each

**Saturday June 22:**

Second essay to satisfy writing requirement due (3-4 pages)

**Monday June 24:**

Lecture, The novel and the critique of institutions; Joyce; A Portrait  
Reading Due: A Portrait of the Artist, chapter I 4 Student presentations, 8-10 minutes each  
Short Essay #4 due (2-3 pages).

**Tuesday June 25:**

Lecture, The novel and the stream of consciousness  
Reading Due: A Portrait of the Artist, chapter V  
4 Student presentations, 8-10 minutes each

**Wednesday June 26:**

Discussion: Other major novels in the British and American Tradition  
Extra Credit Student Presentations: my favorite novel, 10-15 minutes each  
Final essay to satisfy writing requirement due (10-12 pages)

**Thursday June 27:**

Final Exam  
Concluding remarks