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Course Specification Template of Modern Critical Approaches

I. (I. Course Identification and General Information:						
1.	:Course Title		Modern Critical Approaches				
2.	:Course Code and Number	DR 83					
3.	:Credit Hours	I				Total	
						3	
4.	:Study Level and Semester	Level IV, Semester VIII					
5.	:Pre-requisites (if any)	Successful completion of DR35 Introduction to Literature					
6.	:Co-requisites (if any)	Nil					
7.	Program in which the course is offered	BA in English Studies					
8.	:Teaching Language	English					
9.	:Study System	Regular / Full Time					
10.	:Prepared by	Dr. Ibraheem Tajaddeen					
11.	:Approval date						
12.	:Approved by						

II. Course Description:

This course introduces students to the diversity of modern critical approaches in the study of literature and culture. It intends to show how each critical approach defines the nature of the relationship between text and reality, its author, readers, and the nature of the relationship linking literary theories to each other. The emphasis will be on the practical application of these approaches and on how they can enrich students understanding of literary texts.

III.	III. Intended learning outcomes (ILOs) of the course:				
	(A) Knowledge and Understanding:				
	Alignment of Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) to Program Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) in Knowledge and Understanding.				
	Program Intended Learning Outcomes (Sub- Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)				
	Knowledge and Understanding PILOs) in: Knowledge and Understanding Knowledge and Understanding				
On su	On successful completion of the program, students will be On successful completion of the course, students will				
	able to: be able to:				
A1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of	a1.	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding		
	key concepts, issues, ideas, theories, styles of				
	argumentation, evaluation criteria and research				
	methods used in the study of English Language,		and criticism.		
	Linguistics and Literature.		and officioni.		
A6	Demonstrate a sound knowledge of contemporary	a2	Demonstrate familiarity with the history of		
	approaches to the study of language, its literature,		literary theory in the West, including		
	culture and teaching.		prominent theorists and critics, important		

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Alig	Teaching And Assessment Methods I		important to those theories. g Outcomes:
	ourse Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) in Knowledge and Understanding	Teaching strategies/methods to be used	Methods of assessment
a1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of essential terminology, concepts, principles and theories related to modern literary theory and criticism.	 Lectures and seminars Tutorials Independent reading and writing group discussions Practical exercises 	 Quizzes, tests and exams Written assignments Open presentations
a2	Demonstrate familiarity with the history of literary theory in the West, including prominent theorists and critics, important schools and movements, and the historical and cultural contexts important to those theories.	■ Role play/acting	Mini-projects

			(B) Intellectual Skills:		
Alignı	Alignment of Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) to Program Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) in: Intellectual Skills				
Program Intended Learning Outcomes (Sub- PILOs) in Intellectual skills Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs Intellectual Skills			urse Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) of		
On suc	ccessful completion of the program, students will be	On s	successful completion of the course, students will be able to:		
B2	Analyze and synthesize complex information	b1	Accurately identify the textual strategies and		
D2	from a variety of texts and reflect critically on	ŊΙ	critical approaches employed in the study of		
	some of the dominant theories and topics in the		different literary forms and genres.		
	various fields of English language and literature.		different inertary forms and genies.		
B4	Identify and assess intellectual debates,	b2	Assess critically a range of literary theories in		
	discussions and paradigms within the fields of		order to distinguish them from other theories		
	language and literary studies.		and assess the structure and logic of their		
			arguments.		

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	Teaching And Assessment Methods	For A	Achieving Learnin	g Outcomes:
Align	ment of Learning Outcomes of Intellectual Skil	ls to T	Ceaching Methods an	d Assessment Methods:
Co	urse Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) in	To	eaching strategies/	Methods of
	Intellectual Skills	m	nethods to be used	assessment
О	n successful completion of the course, students	■ Le	ectures and seminars	Quizzes, tests and
	will be able to:	 C1 	assroom discussions	exams
b1	Accurately identify the textual strategies and	 G1 	oup and pair work	Written
	critical approaches employed in the study of	• Ex	rercises	assignments
	different literary forms and genres	■ Pr	oblem solving	Open presentations
b2	Assess critically a range of literary theories in	■ Br	rainstorming	Mini-projects
22	order to distinguish them from other theories	 G1 	oup projects	
	and assess the structure and logic of their			
	arguments.			
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A 12	CWO A Property	<u>(C</u>		nd Practical Skills:
	ment of Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) to Program In Program Intended Learning Outcomes (Sub-			
1	PILOs) in Professional and Practical Skills			ning Outcomes (CILOs) nd Practical Skills
On su	ccessful completion of the program, students will	On su	uccessful completion of	the course, students will
	be able to:			be able to:
C1	Apply their understanding of linguistic	c1	Apply a varie	ety of theories and critical
	concepts, methods and approaches to the		approaches to	the study and analysis of
	construction and analysis of meanings in			different literary texts.
	different literary and nonliterary texts and			
	various modes of communication.			
C5	Successfully utilize strategies to interpret,	c2	Write, in an insi	ghtful and informed way,
	analyze and critically examine diverse forms of			ommentaries on a specific
	discourse including literary, journalistic,		•	rinciples and applications.
	historical and other non-literary texts.		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	T The state of the
	Teaching and Assessment Methods for	Achi	eving Learning ()	outcomes:
Α	lignment of Learning Outcomes of Professional and			
	rse Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) in		aching strategies/	Methods of
Cot	Professional and Practical Skills		ethods to be used	assessment
On su	ccessful completion of the course, students will be			Quizzes, tests and
J. Su	able to:		assroom	exams
c1	Apply a variety of theories and critical		scussions	Written assignments
	approaches to the study and analysis of			Open presentations
	different literary texts.		coup and pair work	Mini-projects
c2	Write, in an insightful and informed way,		actical Exercises	- winn-projects
	critical essays and commentaries on a specific		oblem solving	
	literary theory, its principles and applications.	• Gro	oup projects	
	merary meory, its principles and applications.			

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(D) General/Transferable Skills:								
	nment of Course Intended Learning Outcom							
Program Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs) in Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)								
	General / Transferable			in General / Trai				
On successful completion of the program, students will be able to: On successful completion of the course, students will be able to:								
D1	management and leadership with commitment to professional ethics in their job-related tasks and show respect of cultural diversity.			d1 Effectively participate as a team player in group projects and discussions, showing enthusiasm for self-directed learning.			ng g.	
D3	Utilize Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) to enhance their critical and analytical skills in English language and literature.			Use basic prof	iciency in retrieval			
T	eaching And Assessmen	t Methods I	or Acl	nieving Learning	Outcon	ies:		
	Alignment of Learning Outcom	nes of General an	nd Trans				it	
		Methods:					•	
Co	Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs) in						hods of	
					sessment			
On successful completion of the course, students will be							zzes, tests and	
d1 Effectively participate as a team player in group			─ `	Classroom exams discussions Written				
d1 Effectively participate as a team player in group projects and discussions, showing enthusiasm for			` `	liscussions				
self-directed learning.			· ·	Group and pair work	_	nments		
d2		motion motuioxvol	1	Practical Exercises		present		
uz	Use basic proficiency in inform		cic - 1	Problem solving	Mini-	-projects	3	
analysis. Group projects								
IV. Course topics								
1. Course Topics/Items:								
	b. Theoretical Aspect							
No	Topic List / Units	CILOs (symbols)		Sub-topic List		No. of weeks	Contact hours	
1	Introductory class: Literary Theory and Criticism	a1, a2	Background to Literary Theory and Criticism				3	
2	Mimetic Theory of Arts	a1, a2	Impres	Impressive and Expressive Approaches 1				
3	Formalist Theory and Criticism	a1, a2, b1, b2, c1, c2, d1,d2	P	New (Russian Fo ractice: Analysis of son		1	3	
4	Structuralist Criticism	a1, a2, b1, b2, c1, c2		Structuralism and S Saussure and		1	3	
5	Post-Structuralism	a1, a2, b1,		Poststructuralist	Theories	1	3	

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b2, c1, c2,

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Practice: Analysis of extracts from

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		d1,d2	some literary texts		
		a1, a2, b1,	·		
6	Marxist Theory and	b2, c1, c2,	Marxist Theory Practice: Analysis of extracts from	1	3
O	Criticism	d1,d2	some literary texts	1	3
	II:-4:1 C-:4:-:		New Historicism and Cultural		
	Historical Criticism	b1, b2, c1,			
7		c2, d1,d2	Materialism	1	3
			Practice: Analysis of extracts from		
	D 1 14 701	1 0 1 1 10	some literary texts		
0	Psychoanalytic Theory	a1,a2, b1, b2,	Psychology and Psychoanalysis	1	2
8		c1, c2, d1,d2	Practice: Analysis of extracts from	1	3
		4 2 1 4 1 2	some literary texts		
	Feminist Criticism	a1,a2, b1, b2,	Radical, Liberal and Rational Feminism		
9		c1, c2, d1,d2	Practice: Analysis of extracts from	1	3
			some literary texts		
	Reader-Response Theory	a1,a2, b1, b2,	Rhetoric and Reader-Response		_
10		c1, c2, d1,d2	Practice: Analysis of extracts from	1	3
			some literary texts		
	Postcolonial Theories	a1,a2, b1, b2,	Postcolonialist Theories:		
11		c1, c2, d1,d2	Practice: Application on some literary	1	3
			texts		
12	Hermeneutics	a1,a2, b1, b2,	Traditional/Romantic Hermeneutics	1	3
12		c1, c2, d1,d2	Contemporary Hermeneutics	1	3
13	Cultural Studies	b1, b2, c1,	Recent Trends and movements in	1	3
13		c2, d1,d2	cultural studies	1	3
14	Review and students'	b1, b2, c1,	Students presentations of self-study	1	3
14	presentations	c2, d1,d2	projects	1	3
	Number of	Weeks /and Un	its Per Semester	14	42

c.	Training Aspect:				
Orde r	Training Tasks	CILOs (symbols)	Number of weeks	Contact hours	
1					
	Number of Weeks /and Units Per Semester				

V. Teaching strategies of the course:

Each session will involve a variety of teaching methods, with an emphasis on group discussions, workshops and student activities, as well as the use of videos and films. We will consider the relationship between some of the novels and their film versions. Students may be asked to prepare short presentations for particular sessions.

The Learner's role is activated through a set of strategies:

Lectures
 seminars
 Small group discussion
 Guided self-study
 Presentations
 Group activities
 group projects

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- Open presentations	
	Assessment Methods:
Written examinationsAssignments	Written assignments and feedbackReport writing/
- Presentations	- projects/ classroom practical session
- Quizzes	- Team work

VI. Sch	VI. Schedule of Assessment Tasks for Students During the Semester:				
No.	Assessment Method	Week Due	Mark	Proportion of Final Assessment	Aligned Course Learning Outcomes (CILOs symbols)
1	Participation and quizzes	1-12	10	10%	a1,a2, b1, b2, c1, c2, d1,d2
2	Assignments	4-12	10	10%	a1,a2, b1, b2, c1, c2, d1,d2
3	Mid-Term Test	8	20	20%	a1,a2, b1, b2, c1, c2
4	Final Exam	15	60	60%	a1,a2, b1, b2, c1, c2
	Total		100	100%	
VII. Students' Support:					
	Office Hours/week			er Procedures	(if any)
3 hours/week				E-mail and	l WhatsApp.

VIII. Learning Resources (MLA style):

Textbooks- (not more than 2)

- Barry, P. Beginning Theory: An Introduction to Literary and Cultural Theory. Manchester University Press, 2009.
- Tyson, L. Critical Theory Today: A User Friendly Guide. New York: Routledge, 2006.

2. Essential References- (not less than 4)

- Abrams, M. H. The Mirror and the Lamp. London: Oxford UP, 1953.
- Bertens, H. Literary Theory; the Basics London: Routledge, 2001.
- Blamires, H. A History of Literary Criticism. London: Macmillan Press Ltd., 1991.
- Culler, J. Literary Theory: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997.

3. Recommended Books and Reference Materials.

- During, S. Ed. The Cultural Studies Reader. London: Routledge, 1999.
- Eagleton, T. Literary Theory: An Introduction. (2nd ed.). Minneapolis: The University of Minnesota Press, 1996.
- Fish, S. Is there a Text in this Class? The Authority of Interpretive Communities. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1989.
- Frye, N. Anatomy of Criticism. New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1957.

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- Jefferson, A & Robey, D. Eds., <i>Modern Literary Theory</i> London: Batsford, 1986

4. Electronic Materials and Web Sites etc.

- Balogun, J. (2011). "Approaches to Modern Literary Theories." www.unilorin.edu.ng/publications/balogun/Doc5.pdf
- Dino Felluga, Introductory Guide to Critical Theory, http://www.cla.purdue.edu/academic/engl/theory/index.html
- Kristi Siegel, Introduction to Modern Literary Theory, http://www.kristisiegel.com/theory.htm
- Other Research Databases: www.jstor.org www.resaerchgate.com http://questia.com

5. Other Learning Material.

Printed exercises and work sheets for in-class activities

IX	K. Course Policies: (Based on the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007))
1	Class Attendance: Class Attendance is mandatory. A student is considered absent and shall be banned from taking the final exam if his/her absence exceeds 25% of total classes.
2	Tardiness: A student will be considered late if he/she is not in class after 10 minutes of the start time of class.
3	Exam Attendance/Punctuality: No student shall be allowed to the exam hall after 30 minutes of the start time, and shall not leave the hall before half of the exam time has passed.
4	Assignments & Projects: Assignments and projects must be submitted on time. Students who delay their assignments or projects shall lose the allocated mark.
5	Cheating: Cheating is an act of fraud that results in the cancelation of the student's exam or assignment. If it takes place in a final exam, the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007) shall apply.
6	Forgery and Impersonation: Forgery/Impersonation is an act of fraud that results in the cancelation of the student's exam, assignment or project. If it takes place in a final exam, the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007) shall apply.
7	Other policies: The University official regulations in force will be strictly observed and students shall comply with all rules and regulations of the examination set by the Department, Faculty and University Administration.

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Course Plan of Modern Critical Approaches

I.	I. Information about Faculty Member Responsible for the Course:								
Name of Faculty Member				Office Hours					
	Location & Telephone No.			SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
	E-mail								
II.	Course Identification and	l General Infori	mati	on:					
1		Course Title:		Mo	dern C	ritical	Appro	aches	
2	Course I	Number & Code:				DR 83			
					(C.H			
3	3 Credit hours:		T	h.	Semin	ar I	Pr.	F. Tr.	Total
			(3	-		-		3
4	Study level/year at wh	ich this course is offered:	I EVELLY Semester VIII						
5	Pre –	Pre –requisite (if any): Successful completion of DR 35							
3				Ì	Introdu	ction to	Litera	ture	
6	Co –ı	requisite (if any):	Nil						
7	Program (s) in which the	course is offered			BA in	Englis	h Stud	ies	
8	Language of teaching the course: English								
9		System of Study: Regular							
10		Mode of delivery: Interactive lectures							
11	Location of teaching the course: Faculty of Languages			_					

III. Course Description:

This course introduces students to the diversity of modern critical approaches in the study of literature and culture. It intends to show how each critical approach defines the nature of the relationship between text and reality, its author, readers, and the nature of the relationship linking literary theories to each other. The emphasis will be on the practical application of these approaches and on how they can enrich students understanding of literary texts.

IV.Intended learning outcomes (ILOs) of the course:

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of essential terminology, concepts, principles and theories related to modern literary theory and criticism.
- Demonstrate familiarity with the history of literary theory in the West, including prominent theorists and critics, important schools and movements, and the historical and cultural contexts important to those theories.
- Accurately identify the textual strategies and critical approaches employed in the study of different literary forms and genres.
- Assess critically a range of literary theories in order to distinguish them from other theories and

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- assess the structure and logic of their arguments.
- Apply a variety of theories and critical approaches to the study and analysis of different literary texts.
- Write, in an insightful and informed way, critical essays and commentaries on a specific literary theory, its principles and applications.
- Effectively participate as a team player in group projects and discussions, showing enthusiasm for self-directed learning.
- Use basic proficiency in information retrieval and analysis.

V. Course topics

1. Course Topics/Items:

a. Theoretical Aspect

#	Topic List / Units	Sub-topic List	Week Due	Contact hours
1	Introductory class: Literary Theory and Criticism	Background to Literary Theory and Criticism	1 st	3
2	Mimetic Theory of Arts	Impressive and Expressive Approaches	2 nd	3
3	Formalist Theory and Criticism	New Criticism Russian Formalism Practice: Analysis of some poems	3 rd	3
4	Structuralist Criticism	Structuralism and Semiotics Saussure and Barthes	4 th	3
5	Post-Structuralism	Poststructuralist theories Practice: Analysis of extracts from some literary texts	5 th	3
6	Marxist Theory and Criticism	Marxist Theory Practice: Analysis of extracts from some literary texts	6 th	3
7	Historical Criticism	New Historicism and Cultural Materialism Practice: Analysis of extracts from some literary texts	$7^{ m th}$	3
8	MIDTERM TEST	Written Test	8 th	3
9	Psychoanalytic Theory	Psychology and Psychoanalysis Practice: Analysis of extracts from some literary texts	9 th	3
10	Feminist Criticism	Radical, Liberal and Rational Feminism Practice: Analysis of extracts from some literary texts	10 th	3
11	Reader-Response Theory	Rhetoric and Reader-Response Practice: Analysis of extracts from some literary texts	11 th	3
12	Postcolonial Theories	Postcolonialist Theories:	12 th	3

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		Practice: Application on some literary texts		
13	Hermeneutics	Traditional/Romantic Hermeneutics Contemporary Hermeneutics	13 th	3
14	Cultural Studies	Recent Trends and movements in cultural studies	14 th	3
15	Review and students' presentations	Students presentations of self-study projects	15 th	3
16	Final Examination	Written Exam	16 th	3
	Number of Weeks /and Units Per Semester 16 48			

b.	b. Training Aspect:			
Order	Training Tasks	CILOs (symbols)	Number of weeks	Contact hours
1				
2				
	Number of Weeks /and Units Per Semester			

VI. Teaching strategies of the course:

Teaching strategies of the course include lectures, student active seminars and independent study. The course is delivered in the form of lecture slides and practical exercises that demand active participation from the students.

The Learner's role is activated through a set of strategies:

W. W.	Assessment Methods:
- Open presentations	- group projects
 Small group discussion 	- Group activities
- seminars	- Presentations
- Lectures	- Guided self-study

- Written examinations	 Written assignments and feedback
- Assignments	- Report writing/
- Presentations	- projects/ classroom practical session
- Quizzes	- Team work

VII. Sch	VII. Schedule of Assessment Tasks for Students During the Semester:						
No.	Assessment Method	Week Due	Mark	Proportion of Final Assessment	Aligned Course Learning Outcomes (CILOs symbols)		
1	Participation and quizzes	1-12	10	10%			
2	Assignments	4-12	10	10%			
3	Mid-Term Test	8	20	20%			
4	Final Exam	15	60	60%			
	Total		100	100%			

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VIII. Students' Support:	
Office Hours/week	Other Procedures (if any)
3 hours/week	E-mail and WhatsApp.

IX. Learning Resources (MLA style):

1. Textbooks- (not more than 2)

- Barry, P. Beginning Theory: An Introduction to Literary and Cultural Theory. Manchester University Press, 2009.
- Tyson, L. Critical Theory Today: A User Friendly Guide. New York: Routledge, 2006.

2. Essential References- (not less than 4)

- Abrams, M. H. The Mirror and the Lamp. London: Oxford UP, 1953.
- Bertens, H. Literary Theory; the Basics London: Routledge, 2001.
- Blamires, H. A History of Literary Criticism. London: Macmillan Press Ltd., 1991.
- Culler, J. Literary Theory: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997.

3. Recommended Books and Reference Materials.

- During, S. Ed. *The Cultural Studies Reader*. London: Routledge, 1999.
- Eagleton, T. Literary Theory: An Introduction. (2nd ed.). Minneapolis: The University of Minnesota Press, 1996.
- Fish, S. Is there a Text in this Class? The Authority of Interpretive Communities. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1989.
- Frye, N. Anatomy of Criticism. New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1957.
- Jefferson, A & Robey, D. Eds., Modern Literary Theory London: Batsford, 1986.

4. Electronic Materials and Web Sites etc.

- Balogun, J. (2011). "Approaches to Modern Literary Theories." www.unilorin.edu.ng/publications/balogun/Doc5.pdf
- Dino Felluga, Introductory Guide to Critical Theory, http://www.cla.purdue.edu/academic/engl/theory/index.html
- Kristi Siegel, Introduction to Modern Literary Theory, http://www.kristisiegel.com/theory.htm
- Other Research Databases: www.jstor.org www.resaerchgate.com http://questia.com

5. Other Learning Material.

Printed exercises and work sheets for in-class activities

X.	Course Policies: (Based on the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007))
1	Class Attendance:

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	Class Attendance is mandatory. A student is considered absent and shall be banned from taking the final exam if his/her absence exceeds 25% of total classes.
2	Tardiness:
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	A student will be considered late if he/she is not in class after 10 minutes of the start time of
	class.
3	Exam Attendance/Punctuality:
	No student shall be allowed to the exam hall after 30 minutes of the start time, and shall not
	leave the hall before half of the exam time has passed.
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4	Assignments & Projects:
	Assignments and projects must be submitted on time. Students who delay their assignments
	or projects shall lose the allocated mark.
5	Cheating:
	Cheating is an act of fraud that results in the cancelation of the student's exam or
	assignment. If it takes place in a final exam, the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007) shall
_	apply.
6	Forgery and Impersonation:
	Forgery/Impersonation is an act of fraud that results in the cancelation of the student's exam,
	assignment or project. If it takes place in a final exam, the Uniform Students' Bylaw (2007)
	shall apply.
7	Other policies:
,	The University official regulations in force will be strictly observed and students shall
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	comply with all rules and regulations of the examination set by the Department, Faculty and
	University Administration.

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