

**Course title:** Contemporary French Literature

**Course code:** MSF0811

**Type of course:** compulsory

**Level of course:** MA

**Year of study:** 1<sup>st</sup>

**Semester:** 1<sup>st</sup>

**Number of ECTS credits allocated:** 6

**Name of the lecturer:** Alexandru Călinescu

**Course objective:** Provide students with fundamental knowledge on the history and theory of reading.

**Course contents:** The implications of the act of reading; the rhetoric of reading; conceptions about reading; the textual constraints and the reader's freedoms; the myth of the library.

**Recommended reading:** Alberto Manguel, *Une histoire de la lecture*, Actes Sud, coll. Babel, 2000 [1998]; Alberto Manguel, *La bibliothèque, la nuit*, Arles/Montreal, Actes Sud/Lemeac, 2006; Marcel Proust, *Sur la lecture*, Actes-Sud, 2004; Umberto Eco, *Six promenades dans le bois du roman*, Livre de Poche, 1996; Michel Charles, *Rhétorique de la lecture*, Seuil, coll. Poétique, 1977

**Teaching methods:** interactive lecture

**Assessment methods:** final written examination

**Language of instruction:** French