

Course title: Introduction to Literary Theory

Course code: DF0811 (A+B)

Type of course: compulsory

Level of course: BA

Year of study: 1st

Semester: 1st

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 5

Name of the lecturer: Andrei Corbea-Hoisie

Course objective: To introduce students to basic problems of literature study, starting from the debate on the literary phenomenon to the basic concepts used for its description and the literary text analysis methodologies, to the relationship between literary and social.

Course contents: The following themes will be approached: What is literature? Definitions of literature and ways of approaching it; Esthetics and poetics; Rethorics and stylistics; Tropes: the metaphor, the allegory, the symbol; The theory of genres; The epic genre: fiction, story, epic forms; The lyrical genre: structural and versification elements; The dramatic genre: text and mise-en-scène; Pluralism of interpretation methods; Social institutions of literature. Literary criticism. Techniques of the literary science.

Recommended reading: Becker, Sabina, Christine Hummel, Gabriele Sander: Grundkurs Literaturwissenschaft, Stuttgart 2006; Bogdal, Klaus-Michael, Kai Kaufmann, Georg Mein: BA-Studium Germanistik, Reinbek 2008; Brackert, Helmut, Jörn Stückrath (hrsg.): Literaturwissenschaft. Grundkurs, vol. 1, 2, Reinbek 1981 Metzler Lexikon Literatur- und Kulturtheorie. Ansätze – Personen – Grundbegriffe. Hrsg. von Ansgar Nünning, Stuttgart 2001; Wilpert, Gero von: Sachwörterbuch der Literatur, Stuttgart 1989

Teaching methods: lectures

Assessment methods: home assignments; final (written) test

Language of instruction: German