

English Literature II

English Literature II is a follow-up to the winter semester course. It is designed to familiarise students with the development of English literature from the beginning of the Victorian era to the present day. The focus of the course is on developmental trends and changes of genres and literary forms. The content of the course respects chronological order, follows fundamental developments, and applies a comparative perspective. The course aims to cover development of the English novel from the beginning of the 19th century (Austen and Scott) to current post-modernist works. At the same time the course deals with development of English poetry in the above period, whilst also tackling English drama, specifically in the post-war period. Literary terms, such as realism, aestheticism, naturalism, modernism and post-modernism are explained and later applied to particular texts and literary methods (narration, description, etc.). By the end of the course students should be able to understand literature as a dynamic variable entity reflecting broader cultural, social and historical contexts.