

Seminar Theory of Literature and Comparative Literature (A005796)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 5.0

Study time 150 h

Course offerings in academic year 2026-2027

A (Year)

Dutch

Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2026-2027

Keunen, Bart

LW07

lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2026-2027

crdts

offering

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Seminar, general literary theory

Position of the course

This advanced course wants to give students a command of a literary-theoretical apparatus for the analysis of a corpus of texts. The course provides a thorough scientific insight into the general characteristics of literary texts and the historical function of literature. Students acquire the ability to conduct scientific research autonomously. The course helps develop skills for drawing up research questions.

Contents

This seminar, the subject matter of which changes annually, usually links up with the instructors' research interests.

In 2023-24, the students will be able to choose among two trajectories:

1. under the supervision of B. Keunen: the relationship between traditional narrative forms and contemporary forms of narrative cultuur in novels, movies and streaming series
2. under the supervision of J. Pieters: bibliotherapy, or the study of relationships between literature and medicine

Initial competences

To have successfully completed the courses Theory of Literature and Theory of Literature II or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.

Final competences

- 1 To be familiar with literary-theoretical methods and their applications.
- 2 To be able to conduct literary-theoretical research autonomously.
- 3 To be able to give an oral and written report on conducted research.
- 4 To have a thorough scientific insight into the general characteristics of literary texts and the historical function of literature.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Seminar

Extra information on the teaching methods

Seminar: practical exercise.

Study material

None

References

Course content-related study coaching

Collective and individual feedback.

Assessment moments

continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Participation, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

The evaluation is continuous and based on the intermediary steps students are expected to take in the preparation of their bachelorpaper (abstract, bibliography, structure, first drafts of chapters, ...). There will also be exercises in the formulation of peer-feedback.

Calculation of the examination mark

non-periodical: continuous assessment (100 %)

(If a student does not pass the non-periodical evaluation, a second chance is offered by means of a compensatory activity between the first and the second exam period.)

Assessment form

Facilities for Working Students

1. Possible exemption from educational activities requiring student attendance.
2. Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
3. Feedback can be given by email, telephone or during an appointment during office hours

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