



Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2023/2024

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 36 hours

COURSE TITLE

Arabic Literature

TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Ancient, philological-literary and historical-artistic sciences

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

COURSE SUMMARY

The purpose of the course is to introduce students to the study of pre-modern Arabic literature from the pre-Islamic era up to the Ottoman preceding the nahḍa. Given the vastness of the period in question, the course has a general character, it aims to introduce some essential and distinctive genres and motifs of pre-modern Arabic literature, as well as some essential authors. Part of the course will be devoted to linguistic sciences, with reference to rhetoric and literary criticism.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course the students

- a) will have learned the rudiments of the development of pre-modern Arabic literature and its periodisation;
- b) will be able to recognise the genres and motifs of Arabic poetry and to recognise its prosody;
- c) will be able to recognise the genres and motifs of prose production;

- d) translate some selected texts and explain their formal characteristics;
- e) will know the rudiments of the development of linguistic sciences such as grammar, lexicography, and rhetoric;
- f) apply the basic notions of literary and rhetorical criticism to some selected texts.

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES

N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

N/A

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

Fundamental requirements for the Visiting Professor position are proven academic training and expertise in Arabic literature with particular reference to an extended and interdisciplinary approach to it, including:

- Arabic literature in its diachronic dimension, with emphasis placed on the premodern period
- Arabic literature intersecting with linguistics in the fields/genres of rhetorics and literary criticism

CONTACT REFERENT

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