

Discipline Specific Elective (DSE-2C & DSE-2D)

(Old S-4)

(w. e. f. 2021- 2022)

Title of the Paper: Introduction to Literary Criticism

(Credit-3+1=4)

Rationale:

Literary criticism is as ancient as literature. It has provided different views, perspectives, approaches and terms to understand literature in its diverse forms. It consists of interpretation, judgment, analysis and evaluation of literature. It makes readers aware of form and content of literature, structure and substance of literature. It deals with text and context in its analysis and provides many different views on literature. Literary criticism has undergone many changes in its long journey from the classical antiquity to the modern period. It has branched off from its earlier preoccupations like author's superiority and search for universal meaning and has taken on new pursuits. The present course is designed to introduce students to the basics of literary criticism and the age wise important critical concepts.

Objectives:

- a) To introduce students to the basics of literary criticism
- b) To make them aware of the nature and historical development of criticism
- c) To make them familiar with the significant critical approaches and terms
- d) To encourage students to interpret literary works in the light of the critical approaches
- e) To develop aptitude for critical analysis

* **Each** semester shall have 3 credits for teaching. Each credit is equal to 15 hours, so this course shall have 45 teaching hours. In addition to that there shall be 03 hours allotted to internal evaluation. **(3x15=45+3=48)**.

* **Considering** the choice-based credit system (CBCS) and the semester pattern, both Semesters-V & VI will have a uniform evaluation pattern of 100 marks each. There will be an 'Internal Examination' for 30 marks and 'Semester-end Examination' for 70 marks.

* **The Internal** Examination for 30 marks will be conducted at college level.

- a) Assignment/group discussion/tutorial/seminar/oral/project for 10 marks
- b) A Mid-semester Written Test for 20 marks.

* **Semester V and VI -DSE 3+1** = One credit is for Research Project/field visit/ or any other Subject-centric activities to be undertaken by the students in consultation with the concerned teacher. The concerned teachers have to evaluate and maintain the record of research project/field visit/ or any other subject-centric activity.

SEMESTER-VI (DSE-2D)

Unit-I- Modern Criticism (15 clock hours)

Eliot's theory of impersonality, William Empson's seven types of ambiguity, Georg Lukacs' concept of realism, Sigmund Freud's structure of human mind- id, ego and superego

Unit-II- New Criticism (15 clock hours)

Allen Tate's concept of tension, Cleanth Brooks' notion of paradox as the structure of poetry, Wimsatt and Beardsley's concept of intentional fallacy

Unit-III- Critical Terms and Practical Criticism (15 clock hours)

Critical Terms:

1. Catharsis
2. Allegory
3. Diction
4. Irony
5. Motif and theme
6. Genre
7. Metaphor
8. Point of view
9. Subjective and objective
10. Satire

Practical Criticism:

Practical criticism of poems, passages from novels and plays, etc.

(Teachers are advised to deal with poems, prose passages from the poems and novels that students have studied during their graduation)

Reference Books:

- 1) Kulkarni Anand et al. (2021). *Explaining Literary Theory*. Namya Press, New Delhi.
- 2) Kulkarni Anand B. & Chaskar Ashok G. *An Introduction to Literary Criticism and Theory*. Orient Blackswan, Hyderabad, 2015
- 3) Atherton Carol. *Defining Literary Criticism*. Palgrave, 2005
- 4) Dorsch T. S. *Classical Literary Criticism*. Penguin, 1981 (reprinted version)
- 5) Kennedy George A. *A New History of Classical Rhetoric*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994.
- 6) Ross Andrew. *The Origins of Criticism*. Princeton Univ. Press, 2002
- 7) Habib M. A. R. *A History of Literary Criticism: from Plato to the Present*. Blackwell Publishers Ltd, 2005
- 8) Hardison Jr., O. B. (ed.). *Medieval Literary Criticism: Translations and Interpretations*. New York: Frederick Ungar, 1974.
- 9) Brown Marshall (ed.). *Cambridge History of Romanticism*. Vol. 5, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2000
- 10) Thorat Ashok et al (2001). *A Spectrum of Literary Criticism*. Frank Bros.

