Name of the course: Poetic Drama: Religion, Carnival, Theater
Lecturer name: Prof. Chanita Goodblatt
Course number: 0-132-1-0256
Office hours: Thursday 10:00-11:00

Short course description (5-10 lines) with key words at the end of the paragraph

This course will examine the poetic (verse) drama, from its beginnings in Greek literature, through its development in medieval and early modern literatures, and subsequently in modern literature. Its generic format and context will be discussed, as well as its links to the various aspects of culture: religion, carnival and theater. We will also focus on the changing nature of poetic drama across the centuries, and across cultures and the evolving aspects of performance and stage.

Keywords: Poetic (verse) Drama, Religion, Carnival, Theater

Course requirements:

Attendance required: Yes (no more than 3 classes missed)
Oral Referat: 15%
Written Referat: 15% (Due 2 Weeks after Oral Referat)
Seminar Paper
  a. Outline and Annotated 20% (Due 1 August 2019)
  Bibliography
  b. Final Paper 50% (Due 30 September 2019)
Syllabus

Semester A
October
Thursday 18  I. Introduction
T.S. Eliot. The Possibility of Poetic Drama

Thursday 25  T.S. Eliot. The Three Voices of Drama

November
Thursday 01  II. European Sources
Keir Elam. The Semiotics of Theatre and Drama

Thursday 08
Thursday 15  Movie. Mighty Aphrodite
Thursday 22  Movie. Mighty Aphrodite

Thursday 29  Euripides. Medea

December
Thursday 06  Euripides. Medea
Thursday 13  Marlowe. Doctor Faustus
Thursday 20  Marlowe. Doctor Faustus
Thursday 27  Shakespeare. A Midsummer Night’s Dream

January
Thursday 03  Shakespeare. A Midsummer Night’s Dream

January
Thursday 10  Shakespeare. A Winter’s Tale

Semester B
February
Thursday 28  III. Modern Period
Discussion of Seminar Papers

March
Thursday 07  Laurens. The Three Birds
Thursday 14  Laurens. The Three Birds
Thursday 21  Purim Vacation
Thursday 28  Eliot. Murder in the Cathedral

April
Thursday 04  Eliot. Murder in the Cathedral
Thursday 11  Movie. Murder in the Cathedral
Thursday 18  Pesah Vacation
Thursday 25  Pesah Vacation

May
Thursday 02  The Gospels
Thursday 09  Yom Ha’tsm’a’ut Vacation
Thursday 16  Webber and Rice. Jesus Christ
Thursday 23  Movie. Jesus Christ, Superstar
Thursday 30  Williams. Tituba

June
Thursday 06  Williams. Tituba
Thursday 13  Thomas. Under Milkwood
Thursday 20  Thomas. Under Milkwood