

SYLLABUS

TITLE:	Narrative Workshop: The Story
CODE:	ECT 115
PREREQUISITE	N/A
CREDITS:	3 credits 45 contact hours 1 term

DESCRIPTION

This workshop begins with a panoramic view of the origins of the story as a literary genre to its current form. The narratological bases are established, as well as the poetics of the story bequeathed by several authors, so that the student can recognize and subsequently apply the technical elements of this genre. The methodology of the course consists of exploring and practicing the resources and stylistic techniques of the story based on a selection of readings in which these elements are illustrated. Each student will write between 4-6 original stories.

JUSTIFICATION

The short story is a literary genre whose understanding and mastery is essential to the formation of a writer. Understanding its origins, as well as the poetics that have shaped the notions of it, will allow students to accurately recognize and apply the basic elements in their own writing.

COMPETENCES

The course develops the following competences in students:

- **Communication**
- **Critical questioning**
- **Innovation and entrepreneurship**

OBJECTIVES

After completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Express the definition, theory, and main characteristics of the traditional and modern story.

2. Examine the traditional and modern narrative structures of the short story.
3. Analyze stories through discussion and reading.
4. Apply the basic elements of the story in the writing of their original texts.
5. Formulate accurate and well-founded critical appraisals of their own writing and that of others (authors and classmates).

CONTENTS

- I. Origins of the story
 - A. Historical overview of the development of the story
 1. Popular or folkloric story
 - a. The storyteller
 - b. From oral to written
 - 1) *La jicotea y el caballo*
 - 2) *La mujer del puente*
 - B. The modern or literary short story
 1. General characteristics: vision of a new narrative
 - II. Poetics of the Story
 - A. Paradigms of the genre
 1. *Decálogo del perfecto cuentista*, Horacio Quiroga
 2. *Apuntes sobre el arte de escribir cuentos*, Juan Bosch
 - B. Precursors of the story
 1. Guy de Maupassant, Anton Chekhov, and Edgar Allan Poe
 - C. Essentials of the Southern Cone
 1. Horacio Quiroga, Jorge Luis Borges, and Julio Cortázar
 - D. They make way
 1. Clarice Lispector, Elena Garro, and Alice Munro
 - E. Hyper brevity
 1. Augusto Monterroso, Emilio del Carril, and Ana María Fuster
 - III. Core Elements
 - A. Conflict
 - B. Plausibility
 - C. Narrative structure
 - D. Narrative voice

- E. Style of narration
- F. Treatment & tone
- G. Characters
- H. Characterization
- I. Ambience and atmosphere

METHODOLOGY

The following strategies from the active learning methodology are recommended:

- Flipped classroom
- Mindful and analytical Reading
- Writing exercises: stories, reviews, and reflections
- Connecting the literary work with other artistic manifestations
- Guest lecturers
- Attendance at book presentations

EVALUATION

Compositions	30%
Immersion experience	20%
Oral presentations	20%
Final assignment	30%
Total	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> 100%

LEARNING ASSESSMENT

The institutional assessment rubric is applied to the course's core activity.

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ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

- Instituto Cervantes - <https://www.cervantes.es/>
- Ciudad Seva - <https://ciudadseva.com/>

For more information resources related to the course's topics, access the library's webpage <http://biblioteca.sagrado.edu/>

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- Students participating in the Student Support Program (PAE, in Spanish) shall request their reasonable accommodation in PAE's offices.
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