

Course Title: **Popular Genres**

Course Code: **ENGL602**

Descriptor Start Date: **01/01/2016**

POINTS: **15.00**

LEVEL: **6**

PREREQUISITE/S:

COREQUISITE/S:

RESTRICTION/S:

LEARNING HOURS

Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

Total learning hours: 150

PRESCRIPTOR

'Popular Genres' have traditionally been defined by their exclusion from the authorised literary canon. Examples range from cartoons, comic-books, graphic novels, detective stories, fantasy, science-fiction, to film noir, classic television series and pop lyrics. Recent reappraisal of such genres that has seen them increasingly placed within the domain of English studies. This course investigates both characteristic features of these genres and the process of their legitimisation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Identify and contextualise the defining features of the genres under study
2. Post narrations (online fanfiction) exploring generic and stylistic features thereof
3. Engage in online discussion of the above via the shared blogs
4. Analyse so-called plot- or turning points within the genres under study

CONTENT

- The status of popular genres
- Fanfiction
- The graphic novel
- The fantasy genre
- Anime, myth and narrative
- The SF genre
- Cult TV
- Reality TV

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LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

Lectures (1 hr per week); screenings and studios (2 hrs per week).

ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Learning Outcomes
Blog	1, 2, 3, 4
Fanfiction + commentary	1, 2, 3, 4

Grade Map	MAP1
	A+ A A- Pass with Distinction
	B+ B B- Pass with Merit
	C+ C C- Pass
	D Fail

Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

To pass the course, the student needs to:

- Submit all assessments and meet requirements as outlined in the Assessment grid.

All assessments are compulsory.

- If any compulsory assessment is not handed in, a final grade of DNC will be awarded for the course.

NOTE: As per the General Academic Regulations of AUT, if you do not submit a completed compulsory assessment, you may be withdrawn from the course.

LEARNING RESOURCES

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Related Programme/s:

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