ENGLISH LITERATURE I (ING 301)– SYLLABUS

1. Aim of the Course

To have general knowledge on the cultural history of British and American literature and literary works written in English, fundamental terms and techniques, major genres and styles in literature, movements and periods in literature in English, the content and style of various literary texts such as short story, poem, drama and novel representing different periods and genres of English literature, literature’s contribution to our understanding of life, literary tools to analyze and critically evaluate literary works and critical perspectives towards the texts, literary arts used in texts so as to make deductions, inferences and evaluations. (from bys.trakya.edu.tr)

The secondary aim of the course is to teach the students how to write a short literary analysis essay (LAE) in the argumentative / expository style enabling them to analyse themes or characters in literary texts with respect to the periods in which they were written.

2. Assessment

1. Mid-term Exam: 30%
2. Final Exam: 70%
3. Written assignments and their revised versions: 20% of both mid-term and final exams.

Apart from the mid-term and final exams, each student will be assigned to write 5 short literary analysis essays (400 – 800 words) during the semester. Upon submission, each student will receive feedback which suits the student’s individual writing needs. A student who has received his/her feedback must then revise the essay and resubmit in accordance with the feedback within one week.

The first three essays (including the revised versions) constitute 20% of the mid-term exam and the last two essays (including the revised versions) constitute 20% of the final exam. The submissions will be collected through “turnitin”, which is a web-based plagiarism checking sofware. If you don’t have your Turnitin Class ID and/or password, please consult your classmates and/or your course instructor.

3. Attendance

By the regulations in effect in Trakya University, 80% attendance is compulsory. More than 20% absence in one semester results in DZ.

4. Course Material

a. Lecture slides (can be downloaded on http://personel.trakya.edu.tr/kutayuzun/)
b. Original texts
c. Literary web sites such as Spark Notes, Grade Saver, Cliff’s Notes...
d. Additional resources such as articles, chapters, books...
5. Student Reflections on Essays

At the end of each essay and revisitation, every student is required to briefly answer the following questions to reflect on his or her learning:

1. Describe the processes you’ve been through while writing/revising this essay.

2. What were the positives and negatives of writing/revising this essay?

3. What have you learned from writing/revising this essay?

4. Do you think what you have learned from writing/revising this essay will influence the next essay that you write? If yes, how? If not, why not?