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General Information

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Credit points

3

Prerequisites

FRN227

Corequisites

FRN336

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit offers a study of some representative Francophone texts. This unit requires a solid knowledge of the French language. Students will further develop their knowledge of French language and culture through a detailed study of the body of works. The unit engages students' analytical and critical abilities, introducing them to research in French Studies.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

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To learn to read literary texts in a deep and critical manner so as to develop individual research questions regarding the guiding themes of the course: 1. Intertextuality:

Eurasian and Eurafrican Literary Connections; 2. Francophone Comparative Literature: Migration to and from France -Indochina. 3. Francophone Comparative Literature: Experiencing the 'Other' - The Maghreb.

Through modelling by the course tutor, students will learn in groups how to carry out their own textual analyses and will subsequently conduct teaching activities to pass this knowledge on to their colleagues. In so doing they will gain skills in critical reading, thinking and in communicating important concepts in literature to their peers. They will also gain skills in teaching a foreign language through literature, which may be of particular interest to students wishing to become language teachers.

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To become well acquainted with a variety of key French language literary texts of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries that represent a range of Francophone national literatures. To understand the periods in which they were written, the social and political discourses that they draw upon, the literary theories that may be applied to them.

To acquire an awareness of the global expanse of the French-speaking world that includes an understanding of the historical timeline of French colonization and decolonization, as well as political debates in postcolonial writing in French. To gain an appreciation of the historical, political, cultural and linguistic issues faced by Francophone writers of Maghrebian, African, and Southeast Asian origin.

General Assessment Information

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT POLICY ON LATE WORK

All assignments and assessments are compulsory and must be handed in or sat on time. Students unable to meet due dates may apply for an extension in writing to the unit convenor, who will approve the extension in writing, if appropriate. As a general rule, extensions will not be granted without a valid and documented reason (e.g. medical certificate). Late submissions will be penalised by 5% for each day (including weekends) the task is late. Students who have an extension approved will not receive any penalties. No late work will be accepted after assignments and assessments have been corrected and feedback has been provided. Tasks handed in early will be marked and returned with those submitted on the due date.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Journal de réflexion</u>	30%	Friday of Weeks 4, 8 and 12
<u>Analyse de texte en groupe</u>	20%	In class from weeks 4 to 12
<u>Plan d'essai</u>	10%	Friday week 10
<u>4. Essai</u>	40%	June 14 , end of week '14'

Journal de réflexion

Due: **Friday of Weeks 4, 8 and 12**

Weighting: **30%**

Internal and External Students

Students will begin journal entries in French at the end of each lesson in which they will record their personal reflections on and analysis of the text discussed that week. They will choose three of these to write into short texts of approximately 200 words each in French for submission via **Turnitin** in weeks 4, 8 and 12.

The unit is divided into three parts:

A. Intertextuality: Eurasian and Eurafican Literary Connections. Weeks 1 to 4

B. Comparative Literature 1: Migration to and from France- Indochina. Weeks 5 to 8

C. Comparative Literature 2: Experiencing the 'Other' - The Maghreb. Weeks 9 to 12

Students will therefore write one journal entry for each theme at the end of each part of the unit.

Grille d'évaluation:

Commentaires

Points

5 points - Originality of thought

/5

3 points - French expression: rich vocabulary, grammatical accuracy

/3

2 points- Structure of the discussion: use of 'mots/phrases de liaison' and logical progression

/2

Total

/10

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Analyse de texte en groupe

Due: **In class from weeks 4 to 12**

Weighting: **20%**

Internal Students

In weeks one and two of the unit, students will form groups of 2 or 3 and will choose which text they will work on. The choice of text will determine which week, from week 4 to 12, they will complete their oral task. Texts and the week they will be studied in class can be found on the "Unit Schedule" below and in Ilearn.

Between weeks 1 and 4 the tutor will model a range of interactive activities employed to teach students about the complexities of a short extract of the main text studied that week. The full text will be either a literary text or a critical text (an academic article) about the literature that the class read the week before. Resources will also be provided on Ilearn to give groups ideas about possible teaching activities.

For example, in week 7 we will study *Retour à la saison des pluies* by Kim Lefèvre and in week 8 we will study the article by Michelle Bacholle-Boskovic: «Cahier d'un retour au pays natal: Kim

Lefèvre et Marie Cardinal.» *Mots Pluriels et Grands Thèmes de Notre Temps*, 2001 Apr, Vol.17.

In consultation with their tutor, each group will find an extract of no more than one page that they feel would be of learning interest to their classmates. The group will come up with an activity that lasts no more than **20 minutes** to conduct with the class **in French** to teach them at least **3 important points** about their chosen extract, which reflect the general theme of the 4 week section of the unit (please see the 'Unit schedule'). All students must actively play a spoken part in the session. Students are encouraged to be as creative as possible. They may use mixed media, props and any other device to carry out the activity.

External Students will present their own textual analysis of a one page [maximum] extract of a text studied in class as a 10 minute individual video or audio recording. As part of the assessment, they will explain or show in detail how they would go about conducting an activity in class to facilitate a deep understanding of the text analysed. This talk will include the 'teacher's' monologue and possible problematic aspects of teaching students about this text. **Due Friday of week 12.**

Grille d'évaluation:

Commentaire	Points
10 points – Group Mark	
5 – the originality and appropriateness of the activity	
5 – the success of the activity in purveying the meaning of the text	
	/10
10 Points – Individual Mark	
5 - active participation in conducting the activity	
5 - spoken French: vocabulary, grammar	
	/10
Total	
	/20

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Plan d'essai

Due: **Friday week 10**

Weighting: **10%**

Plan d'essai et question à développer

Internal and External Students

In consultation with their tutor each student will formulate their own essay question which either deals with the subject of intertextuality, or compares, 2 of the literary texts discussed in the course under one of the themes of the unit (please see the 'Unit schedule'). The student will provide a detailed, structured plan of their proposed essay **in French** of approximately **250 words**, with a bibliography that includes at least 4 secondary sources not previously provided by their lecturer. The plan is to be submitted via **Turnitin** on the Friday of week 10. They will be marked by the end of week 11 so that students can work on their essays.

Examples of plans will be provided on ILearn.

Grille d'évaluation:

Commentaire	Points
5 points – development of argument: structure, logic, effort	/5
3 – use of sources: bibliography	/5
2 – originality of research question	
Total	/10

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4. Essai

Due: **June 14 , end of week '14'**

Weighting: **40%**

Essai comparatif ou intertextuel

Internal and External Students

Students will compose an essay of between 1500 to 2000 words in French, which answers the question proposed and follows the structure presented in their essay plan. They will submit the essay on **14 June via Turnitin**. The final lesson of week 13 will be used as time for students to peer review each other's essays. The tutor will also read through drafts and give advice as to improving the essays for submission. It is therefore in the students' interest to start their essays early, to prepare a draft before this time and attend this final class.

Please see 'Evaluations' in ILearn for a detailed assessment rubric.

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Delivery and Resources

Learning and Teaching Strategy

To achieve the learning outcomes associated with this unit, students will be required to engage with a range of 20th and 21st century Francophone literary and critical texts. The theme of the unit is the interconnectedness of literatures. To this end assessment will be based on a diary of personal reflections of three of the texts studied, participation in a group oral task in which students will conduct an activity based on a textual analysis of a text extract, an essay plan and self-formulated research question, and finally an essay on intertextuality or comparative literature in French OR English. Students will be expected to be familiar with the week's readings

prior to each class. Classes will be interactive - there will be scope for teamwork in pair and group discussions. There will be both speaking and writing activities in French every class. Students will be encouraged to think creatively in this unit and take the time to reflect on their own responses to the texts. They will be guided to becoming independent researchers when working on their literary analysis essays.

Classes

Each weekly class consists of one block of 2 hours. For more information and for the latest updates on times and the venue, see the official University timetable on <https://timetables.mq.edu.au>. Classes start at five minutes past the hour and students are encouraged to maximise their learning by coming to as many classes as possible.

External students will be expected to listen to the lecture recordings available after each class and will be able to interact with each other through online discussion forums for their benefit.

Required and Recommended Texts and/or Materials

There is no one set text. The unit materials consist of a series of primary and secondary literary texts, which, in weeks 1-4 are made available online. (Critical texts -academic articles - will be provided on iLearn each week as well as literary text extracts.) These will remain accessible at all times, for the entire duration of the session. Books to be bought and read in full are: *Le palais du Mandarin* by Than-Van Tran-Nhut, *Retour à la saison des pluies* by Kim Lefèvre, *L'étranger* by Albert Camus and *Shérazade, 17 ans, brune, frisée, les yeux verts* by Leïla Sebbar (all in the original French). These are available at the University book shop or can be purchased individually by students online, keeping in mind that differing editions will have differing page numbers to those mentioned in class. All of these texts will be the subject of discussion for each week of the course. Please see the 'Unit schedule' below and on iLearn to see which texts are studied when.

Technologies Used and Required

You will need to have regular computer and internet access to gain access to the teaching materials on iLearn.

IT and iLearn assistance is available via the iLearn login page or by clicking on the words "Help me" under the iLearn logo at the top right hand side of every iLearn window.

Please note that replies to e-mails will be automatically directed to the account they were sent from. All new threads will be sent to your University account. You are encouraged to use the University account and are advised to check it regularly for announcements from the course convenor.

Unit Schedule

General course outline:

Partie 1. Intertextuality: Eurasian and Eurafican Literary Connections. Weeks 1 to 4

Partie 2. Comparative Literature 1: Migration to and from France- Indochina. Weeks 5 to 8

Partie 3. Comparative Literature 2: Experiencing the 'Other' - The Maghreb. Weeks 9 to 12

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Unit schedule:

Partie 1: Intertextualité : l'appropriation de l'autre

Semaine 1. Théorie de l'intertextualité : Kristeva et l'universalité de l'intertexte

Texte à lire fourni en ligne [provided online]:

« Le Mot, le dialogue et le roman. » *Sēmeiōtikē : recherches pour une sémanalyse* de Julia Kristeva.

Organisation des groupes des analyses de texte de semaine 4 à 12.

Semaine 2. Rapports eurasiatiques: Ingeborg Bachmann comme possédée exilique de Linda Lê

Extraits fournis de :

« Ingeborg Bachmann » *Tu écriras sur le bonheur* de Linda Lê

Montauk : Un récit de Max Frisch.

« Ingeborg Bachmann » de Jaccottet, Philippe *Les Cahiers du GRIF* 35 (1987): 90-93. [Persee]

S.3. Rapports eurafricains : le Plagiat ou l'intertexte ?

Extraits fournis de :

Le Petit prince de Belleville de Calixthe Beyala

La vie devant soi de Romain Gary [Emile Ajar] [http://leplagiat.net/?page_id=523]

S.4. Plagiat : les perspectives légales et postmodernes

Textes à lire fournis :

« Liberté de création, plagiat et droit d'auteur » de Carine Bernault.

« Le postmoderne et la question du plagiat littéraire » de Jacques Fux.

Partie 2. Littérature comparée 1: les aller-retour - L'Indochine

(Les textes des écrivains vietnamiens)

S.5. Migration en France :

Le palais du Mandarin de Than-Van Tran-Nhut à acheter [to buy]

S.6. Texte critique:

Texte à lire fourni:

Do, Tess. "La construction de l'espace alimentaire harmonisateur dans *Le Palais du mandarin* de Thanh-Van Tran-Nhut."

S.7. Retour au pays natal

Retour à la saison des pluies de Kim Lefèvre à acheter

S.8. Texte critique:

Texte à lire fourni:

Bacholle-Boskovic, Michèle « Cahiers d'un retour au pays natal: Kim Lefèvre et Marie Cardinal. » *Mots Pluriels et Grands Thèmes de Notre Temps*, 2001 Apr, Vol.17.

Partie 3. Littérature comparée 2: l'expérience d'autrui - Le Maghreb

(Les textes des écrivains liés à l'Algérie)

S. 9. Pieds-noirs :

L'étranger d'Albert Camus à acheter

S. 10. Texte critique:

Texte à lire fourni:

Chetouani, Lamria . « L'étranger d'Albert Camus: une lecture à l'envers du stéréotype arabe. » *Mots*, 1992, Vol.30(1), pp.35-52. [Persee]

S.11. Une immigrée en France:

Shérazade, 17 ans, brune, frisée, les yeux verts de Leïla Sebbar à acheter

S.12. Texte de discussion :

Texte à lire fourni:

Soheila, Kian. «Une Entrevue avec Leïla Sebbar: l'écriture et l'altérité de Kian Soheila ». *The French Review*, 1 October 2004, Vol.78(1), pp.128-136 [JSTOR].

S13. Auto-évaluation des essais en classe

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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- To come to understand the notion of intertextuality - the presence of other works in a text - and the interconnectedness of all texts. Students will become familiar with intertextuality theories and theorists such as Julia Kristeva. They will learn to seek out for themselves instances of intertextuality both in works studied and in texts beyond the scope of the course, thus becoming literary researchers themselves.
- To learn to read literary texts in a deep and critical manner so as to develop individual research questions regarding the guiding themes of the course: 1. Intertextuality: Eurasian and Eurafrikan Literary Connections; 2. Francophone Comparative Literature: Migration to and from France -Indochina. 3. Francophone Comparative Literature: Experiencing the 'Other' - The Maghreb.
- Through modelling by the course tutor, students will learn in groups how to carry out their own textual analyses and will subsequently conduct teaching activities to pass this knowledge on to their colleagues. In so doing they will gain skills in critical reading, thinking and in communicating important concepts in literature to their peers. They will also gain skills in teaching a foreign language through literature, which may be of particular interest to students wishing to become language teachers.
- To develop skills in critical and analytical thinking, and the ability to write a formal, structured argument in French. To acquire the skills to write an essay on a literary subject of their own choosing that is broadly based on comparative literature or a case of intertextuality identified by the student. Independent learning and research are strongly encouraged.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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- To develop skills in critical and analytical thinking, and the ability to write a formal, structured argument in French. To acquire the skills to write an essay on a literary subject of their own choosing that is broadly based on comparative literature or a case of intertextuality identified by the student. Independent learning and research are strongly encouraged.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Through modelling by the course tutor, students will learn in groups how to carry out their own textual analyses and will subsequently conduct teaching activities to pass this knowledge on to their colleagues. In so doing they will gain skills in critical reading, thinking and in communicating important concepts in literature to their peers. They will also gain skills in teaching a foreign language through literature, which may be of particular interest to students wishing to become language teachers.
- To acquire an awareness of the global expanse of the French-speaking world that includes an understanding of the historical timeline of French colonization and decolonization, as well as political debates in postcolonial writing in French. To gain an appreciation of the historical, political, cultural and linguistic issues faced by Francophone writers of Maghrebian, African, and Southeast Asian origin.

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active

participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- To become well acquainted with a variety of key French language literary texts of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries that represent a range of Francophone national literatures. To understand the periods in which they were written, the social and political discourses that they draw upon, the literary theories that may be applied to them.
- To acquire an awareness of the global expanse of the French-speaking world that includes an understanding of the historical timeline of French colonization and decolonization, as well as political debates in postcolonial writing in French. To gain an appreciation of the historical, political, cultural and linguistic issues faced by Francophone writers of Maghrebian, African, and Southeast Asian origin.

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