

Course Ref:

OTC02

Entry Levels

CEFR English B2/C1

Daily Teaching Sessions

Monday to Friday

Total course contact hours

Two weeks course: 40 hours

Maximum class size 14

Course Provider:

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This course is of significant value to non-native teachers of Literature who:

- wish to explore methods to inspire and motivate their students
- wish to make the subject interesting to students who have so many other competing demands in the classroom
- wish to share ideas on best practice methodologies with colleagues from across Europe thereby improving the standard of Literature teaching in their schools and, as a result, the learner outcomes for their students.

Objectives

- to explore ways to inspire and motivate students who are studying literature at 2nd level schools and to familiarise course participants with Irish, British and American literature in the English language
- to consider the impact of recent developments in ELT including developments in classroom technology on the teaching of literature
- To improve participants confidence in their own lesson delivery
- To develop and consolidate participants' own language skills
- to establish contacts between teachers from a variety of European backgrounds and facilitate future networking among these professionals
- to promote awareness of contemporary Irish history, culture, literature writers as well as to promote awareness of contemporary Ireland
- to produce high-quality learning outcomes for participants thereby re-enforcing the capacity and international scope of their schools

Preparation

Pre-course Preparative Modalities:

- Needs Analysis
- Pre-course information on free on-line resources for
- Pre-course cultural information
- Pre-Course general arrival information

Practical Arrangements

Intra-Course Modalities offered by the Course Provider

- Course Tutor
- Learning Materials
- On-going assessment and evaluation
- Setting of learning objectives
- Feedback on progress and areas needing special attention
- Guidance and advice on homework exercises
- 24 hour emergency contact number
- Accommodation service
- Optional cultural visits

Follow up provided

Post-Course Modalities

- A Certificate of Attendance and Achievement
- Europass Mobility
- Post-Course Forum

BRINGING LITERATURE TO LIFE IN THE CLASSROOM

Course Topics

History of Irish Literature.
Irish Writers

Summaries, reviews,
criticism

Drama in the Classroom

Developing the Reading and
Speaking Skills

Creative Writing Skills

Using the Internet as a tool
in teaching Literature.

Designing materials using
web tools

Modern British and
American Literature

Exploring History through
Literature

Course Content

This Course for Teachers of Literature is a two-week course consisting of 40 contact hours plus an extensive cultural programme which is directly linked to the morning sessions. Advice is provided on opportunities for extended Informal Learning and Personal Research related to their course on Saturday and Sunday

Format

A **2-week course** consisting of **40 classroom contact hours** plus an extensive afternoon trainer-led cultural and social programme directly linked to the mornings.

Sample Programme

WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 10:50	Induction, orientation and Information dissemination	History of Irish Literature. Famous Irish writers	Contemporary Irish writers and themes.	Developing the writing skill 1. Summaries, reviews, criticism.	Drama in the Classroom
Coffee Break					
11:10 - 13:00	Overview of current methodology.	Developing the Reading Skill 1.	Developing speaking skills. Literary Vocab	Developing the Reading Skill 2	New approaches to teaching Shakespeare.
Lunch					
p.m. Visits	Orientation tour of Dublin	Visit to the Joyce Centre	Visit to the Dublin Writers' Museum	Visit to Trinity College	Exploring Irish language, dance and culture

Sat and Sun	INFORMAL LEARNING: Informal Learning. Self-guided research and cultural visits along guidelines from Alpha College
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WEEK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 10:50	Writing skill 2. Creative Writing skills	Using the Internet 1. The Internet as a resource	British Literature – modern British literature	Film in the Classroom	Using the internet 2. Designing materials using web tools
Coffee Break					
11:10 - 13:00	American Literature	Exploring history through literature	Analysing cities through their literature work	Exploring music in the literature classroom	Course review/ evaluation. Guidelines for future contact/ networking
Lunch					
p.m. Visits	St Patrick's Cathedral	Visit to the Chester Beatty Library	Visit to the National Museum	Irish film in the classroom	Self guided cultural visit in city centre

Outcomes

- Increased confidence in teaching Literature in the classroom
- Increased awareness of the use of technology in the classroom and the web as a teaching resource
- Greater understanding of students' needs
- Portfolio of materials for teaching literature in the classroom
- Enhancement of personal English Language skills
- Improved learner outcomes for their students
- Sharing of experience and knowledge with professionals from a range of European countries
- Increased knowledge of Irish literature, history and culture
- Knowledge of Erasmus+ potential for professional development

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