

INTRODUCTION TO CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

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WITH STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Introduction to Children's Literature (AS236, 3 credits)

Course Description:

This course explores the themes and characteristics of literature created especially for children. Discussions focus on the various ways children's literature has changed over time and the socio-cultural factors reflected in works created in diverse places. Coursework includes critiquing narrative and illustrative elements of selected children's literature and offers students several opportunities to write and illustrate original works of their own.

Prerequisite: Writing about Modern Literature

Students will:

1. Critically read and compose an analysis of international children's literature by applying literary and artistic concepts learned from previous literature and studio design courses. (PC 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)
2. Analyze and contextualize the historical and ideological perspectives of culturally diverse literary texts and media ranging from the first fairy tales to contemporary literature. (PC 2, 5)
3. Create an original illustrated narrative in any style and medium to demonstrate the integration of visual and verbal literacy skills. (PC 3, 4, 5, 6)
4. Analyze the treatment of controversial issues in children's contemporary fiction and predict the influence of such biases upon the reader. (PC 1, 3)

Required Texts:

- Carroll, Lewis. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. ISBN-10: 0553213458
- Barrie, J.M. *Peter and Wendy*. ISBN-10: 014243793X
- Gailman, Neil. *Coraline*. ISBN-10: 0380807343
- Fitzhugh, Louise. *Harriet the Spy*. ISBN-10: 0440416795
- Alexie, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian*. ISBN-10: 9780316013697
- Yang, Gene Luen. *American Born Chinese*. ISBN-10: 0312384483
- Meyers, Dean. *Monster*. ISBN-10: 0064407314
- Sarapti, Marjane. *Persepolis*. ISBN-10: 037571457X)

Supplementary Readings: There are no supplemental readings for this course.

Supplies: There are no supplies needed for this course.

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