

Name of university, Name of faculty: Trnava University
Faculty of Education

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XSJB017 **Name:** Theory of Literature

Cover: Department of Slovak Language and Literature

Type of educational activity: Lecture, Seminar

Scope of educational activity (in hours):

Weekly: 1/2

For term of study: ZS 23,46

Number of credits: 4

Recommended semester: WT

Study grade:
Bachelor

Method of educational activity: Attendance

Recommended semester	Study programme
1.year WT	Slovenský jazyk_Bc (XSj_Bc) Teaching Slovak and Literature and Teaching English and Literature (XSj-Aj-D1) Teaching Slovak and Literature and Teaching Biology (XSj-B-D1) Teaching Slovak and Literature and Teaching Ethics (XSj-Ev-D1) Teaching Slovak and Literature and Teaching History (XSj-His D1) Teaching Slovak and Literature and Teaching Chemistry (XSj-Ch-D1) Teaching Slovak and Literature and Teaching Informatics (XSj-I-D1) Teaching Slovak and Literature and Teaching German and Literature (XSj-Nj-D1) Teaching Slovak and Literature and Teaching of Religions Education (XSj-Nv-D1) Teaching Slovak and Literature and Teaching Civic Education (xSj-VO-D1) Teaching Slovak and Literature and Teaching Fine Arts (XSj-Vu-D1)

Underlie subjects:

Conditions for passing the course:

Method of evaluation: Completion by taking an examination

Continuous evaluation: written test (max. 20 points), written interpretation of a poetic text (max. 20 points).

In the case of the submission of a term paper that is plagiarized or has clear elements of plagiarism, a final grade of Fx will be recorded without the possibility of correction in a particular academic year.

Part of the implementation of the non-contact part of the course is the study of recommended literature, preparation for classes and the final exam

Final evaluation: written test (max. 60 points).

In each part the student must gain at least 50%

completion by examination

A minimum of 91 points is required for an A grade, a minimum of 81 points for a B grade, a minimum of 71 points for a C grade, a minimum of 61 points for a D grade and a minimum of 51 points for an E grade.

Finished:

Learning outcomes:

The student is able to:

VV1 describe and define the main literary theoretical areas (theory of literary and aesthetic communication, theory of lyric and verse, poetics of poetic and prose text, poetics of reference and poetics of presentation, basics of narratology, etc.),

VV2 identify the basic poetological characteristics of a fiction text,

VV3 identify the functions of construction elements in the structure of a text,

VV4 to apply literary theoretical knowledge in the process of interpretive reading of an artistic text,

VV5 to critically and comprehensively read fiction literature as primarily fiction and to present it as such.

Schedule of subject:

Issues of aesthetic communication. The problem of text as a carrier of aesthetic information. Poetry and prose as broad areas of artistic language and within them lyric, epic and drama as basic literary types. The theory of lyric and within it versology. The theory of the epic text and the theory of narrative.

The problem of the ontology of the text. The area of prosodic properties of poetry. The area of poetic imagery (figures and tropes). The basics of the theory of epic.

Recommended reading:

HARPÁŇ, M.: Theory of Literature. Bratislava : ESA, 1994.

HRABÁK, J.: Poetics. Prague : Československý spisovatel, 1973, or 1977.

ISER, W.: How to do theory. Prague : Karolinum, 2009.

ŠÚTOVEC, M.: On the epic work. Levice : L.C. A., 1999.

LOTMAN, J.M.: The structure of an artistic text. Bratislava : Tatran, 1990.

WELLEK, R. - WARREN, A.: Theories of Literature. Olomouc : Votobia, 1996.

CULLER, J.: Theory of Lyric. Prague : Karolinum, 2020.

Language requirements: Slovak

Notes:

Course evaluation: Assessed students in total: 766					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
14%	20%	20%	13%	9%	24%
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