

Ambedkar University Delhi

Course Outline

Winter Semester (January to May 2018)

School: School of Undergraduate Studies

Programme with title: BA English

Semester to which offered: VI

Course Title: Written for Children and Young Adults

Credits: 4 Credits

Course Code (new): SUS1EN228

Course Code (old): EN12

Type of Course:

Compulsory No

Elective Yes

For SUS only (Mark an X for as many as appropriate):

1. Foundation (Compulsory)
2. Foundation (Elective)
3. Discipline (Compulsory)
4. Discipline (Elective) X
5. Elective

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Pre-requisites: None

Aim The course aims to illustrate the complexity of the enterprise called writing for children. This course will cover many zeniths and nadirs of children’s literature through three centuries while discussing issues such as the changing ideal of literature for children, the changes in the education of the child, appropriation of literary texts by child readers, the politics of abridgement, endeavours towards engendering the child through literature, elements of subversion in writing for children and the various uses of the realm of fantasy in children’s literature. The newly emerging form of writing called Young Adult Literature will also be taken up for discussion.

Brief description of modules/ Main modules:

1. Origins of children’s literature
 - Childhood in Britain in the late-Romantic and Early Victorian periods
 - The Puritans and childhood in New England
2. The first novel written for children – *The Swiss Family Robinson* by J D Wyss
3. The Victorian Child – *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll
4. Resisting Growing Up – *Peter Pan* by J M Barrie
5. The Child Hero – *Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire* by J K Rowling

Tentative Assessment schedule with details of weightage:

| S.No | Assessment | Date/period in which Assessment will take place | Weightage |
|------|--------------------------|---|-----------|
| 1 | In-Class Assignments (2) | Late August and early October | 20% |
| 2 | Mid semester | Mid-September | 30% |
| 3 | Paper Presentation | Late October | 20% |
| 4 | Term Paper | Early November | 30% |
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