



## Guía Docente

Datos Identificativos					2019/20
Asignatura (*)	Literatura e perspectivas de xénero no ámbito anglófono	Código	613505117		
Titulación	Mestrado Universitario en Estudos Ingleses Avanzados e as súas Aplicacións (2019)				
Descritores					
Ciclo	Período	Curso	Tipo	Créditos	
Mestrado Oficial	2º cuatrimestre	Primeiro	Optativa	3	
Idioma	Inglés				
Modalidade docente	Presencial				
Prerrequisitos					
Departamento	Letras				
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Descrición xeral	<p>Both historically and theoretically African American feminist critics have angrily argued and furiously defended that White feminist thought has little?if any?to do with Black feminist literary criticism. Instead of ?feminism? (meaning Western and white feminism), African American writer Alice Walker has come up with a different (and more inclusive) term: ?womanism?</p> <p>The purpose of this course is to concentrate on and explore Black feminist thought, and to examine representative African American feminist theories to later analyze some works by canonized and emerging new female voices in African/Caribbean/African American literature. Although this is not a course in comparative feminist theories?White vs. Black feminist thought?we will start by reading brief excerpts from specific essays where white feminists break?as Tillie Olsen puts it?white women?s silences. We will basically deal with African and African American women?s silences, and their angry, subversive, and loud voices.</p>				

## Competencias do título

Código	Competencias do título
A9	E09. Coñecemento dos principais modelos e recursos de investigación literaria/cultural no ámbito anglófono
A11	E11. Capacidade para identificar e analizar as características máis relevantes da cultura e das institucións do ámbito anglófono a través de diversos tipos de textos pertencentes a diferentes épocas históricas.
B6	CX1. Capacidade de afondar naqueles conceptos, principios, teorías ou modelos relacionados cos distintos campos dos Estudos Ingleses, así como de coñecer a metodoloxía necesaria para a resolución de problemas propios de devandita área de estudo
B7	CX2. Capacidade para aplicar os coñecementos adquiridos na contorna multidisciplinar e multifacética dos Estudos Ingleses
B9	CX4. Capacidade para presentar en público experiencias, ideas ou informes, así como emitir xuízos en función de criterios, de normas externas ou de reflexións persoais para o que será necesario alcanzar un dominio suficiente da linguaxe académica e científica tanto na súa vertente escrita como oral.
B10	CX5. Habilidade para investigar e manexar novos coñecementos e información no contexto dos Estudos Ingleses
B11	CX6. Capacidade para adquirir un espírito crítico que leve aos estudantes a considerar a pertinencia das investigacións existentes nas áreas de estudo que conforman os Estudos Ingleses, así como das súas propias.

## Resultados da aprendizaxe

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<p>Students will learn about the literary discourse of critical scholars and writers of the African Diaspora.</p> <p>Students will learn about the diversity and complexity of the different multi-ethnic cultures these writers of African descent belong to (or reject).</p> <p>Students will take advantage of the criticism and theory available on the subject (Black Feminist Thought) and will be encouraged to compare and contrast it with Western feminists schools and/or approaches.</p> <p>After the reading and analysis of criticism, fiction and/or autobiographies on the various ways women of African descent have historically perceived them (or being perceived by others), students might better understand the social and political struggles that are still going on (and failing) worldwide to defend that the lives of black girls and women do matter.</p> <p>By reading both works of fiction and theory written by writers of the African Diaspora, students will get access to first-hand information about the reality of the so-called Other.</p> <p>By reading writers of African descent who belong in the Diaspora, students will get a better grasp of women (together with men and children) as migrating subjects AND objects. This knowledge will allow them to look at current migration stories and policies all around the world (but, this time, the so-called Middle Passage finds an echo in the Mediterranean Sea).</p>	<p>AI9</p> <p>AI11</p>	<p>BI6</p> <p>BI7</p> <p>BI9</p> <p>BI10</p> <p>BI11</p>
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Contidos	
Temas	Subtemas
<p>1.- INTRODUCTION TO BLACK FEMINIST THOUGHTS.</p> <p>In this first section we provide an Introduction to the Course.</p> <p>Why Black Feminist Thought?</p> <p>In which ways is it ideologically different from Western feminisms?</p> <p>When do we hear the first (black) feminist voices?</p> <p>What kind of message do they send?</p> <p>Are there any differences and/or similarities?</p> <p>Is there an &amp;quot;informed&amp;quot; audience?</p>	<p>1.1. Pioneer Feminists (Sojourner Truth and Maria Stewart)</p> <p>1.2. Western Feminist Voices (Woolf, Olsen, Friedan, Eagleton).</p> <p>1.3. Examples of Black Women's resistance/rejection of the term &amp;quot;feminist.&amp;quot;</p>
<p>2.- BLACK FEMINIST SISTERHOOD AND WOMANISM.</p>	<p>2.1. Civil Rights Movement and Black Women's marginal position.</p> <p>2.2. Mixed Relations.</p> <p>2.3 Crossing the (color) line.</p>
<p>3.- BLACK BLUES WOMEN AND FEMINISMS</p>	<p>3.1. Black Feminists from Margins to Center.</p>
<p>4.- SEXUAL OPTIONS and BLACK HOMOPHOBIA.</p>	<p>4.1. LGBTI Discourses.</p> <p>4.2. African American Lesbians, Gays, and Transexuals in Literature, Media and Film.</p>
<p>5.- AFROPOLITANS AND FEMINISMS IN THE DIASPORA.</p>	<p>5.1. New Cosmopolitan Voices.</p> <p>5.2. Modernity versus Tradition.</p> <p>5.3. Women/Mothers as Victims and Victimizers.</p>

Planificación				
Metodoloxías / probas	Competencias	Horas presenciais	Horas non presenciais / traballo autónomo	Horas totais
Lecturas	A9 A11 B6 B7 B9 B10 B11	10	29	39
Presentación oral	A9 B6 B9 B10	1	10	11
Sesión maxistral	A11 A9 B6 B7	7	0	7
Traballos tutelados	A11 A9 B7 B9 B10	1	12	13
Atención personalizada		5	0	5

\*Os datos que aparecen na táboa de planificación son de carácter orientativo, considerando a heteroxeneidade do alumnado



Metodoloxías	
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Lecturas	<p>Students are expected to read assigned required readings BEFORE class starts.</p> <p>Students are also expected to read the feminist criticism and theory material thoroughly, and to participate freely and regularly in classroom discussions.</p> <p>Students are provided with two different types of readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Required readings: Here we include different genres (from short stories to poems or essays and novels) by representative writers of the African Diaspora.</li><li>2) Critical readings: Here we include a number of scholarly articles and essays written by outstanding critics on the field of Feminisms, Black Feminist Thought, or Feminisms of the African Diaspora.</li></ol>
Presentación oral	<p>ALL students are expected to prepare a class presentation (15 to 20 minutes max.) on one or more critical articles included in the Syllabus.</p> <p>They will have to summarize main relevant ideas and provide examples and quotations from article.</p> <p>They will have to evaluate that reading and present their own critical opinions (pros and cons).</p> <p>They will point at a particular required reading/author that can be read in view of the article/s chosen.</p> <p>Students should come prepare with comments and or questions for their class-mates.</p> <p>This is a power-point presentation. Students should include audio-visual material related to the topic (an interview with author, if available; a documentary; illustrations, and the like).</p>
Sesión maxistral	<p>This teaching method is practice-oriented, and it puts the emphasis on how to learn.</p> <p>The lecture (practice-oriented) goes two ways. Basically, it should work more as a dialogue (between lecturer and students) than a monologue. Lecture, thus, should help to start different dialogues.</p> <p>Students are introduced to the socio-historical context of Africans in the Diaspora and to key concepts in Black Feminist criticism and theory.</p> <p>For each particular writer included in the required reading list, students will get familiar with general information about the author and her/his time. Information on critical reception, controversial readings, and new approaches will be provided.</p> <p>This introductory &amp;quot;lectures&amp;quot; will be followed by a discussion (where students are the protagonists), as well as by a session on comments and questions.</p> <p>If possible, we might have a guest who would complement our goals.</p>
Traballos tutelados	<p>ALL students are expected to write an original comparative essay with a critical framework that highlights a Black Feminist approach. Students can, of course, compare and contrast different critical theories (Western Feminisms versus Black Feminisms) within the paper.</p> <p>For this comparative essay students can choose to compare a text from the required readings list with a film or a documentary since students will be provided with a list of &amp;quot;ALTERNATIVE MATERIAL&amp;quot; that includes both fiction and audio visual material (films, documentaries, speeches, etc).</p>

## Atención personalizada

Metodoloxías	Descrición
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<p>Presentación oral</p> <p>Traballos tutelados</p>	<p>ORAL PRESENTATION.</p> <p>Before students choose topic for his/her oral presentation they should contact me to discuss different possibilities and approaches.</p> <p>Teacher will provide students with the necessary information to organize and prepare for their class presentation (number of slides, selection of quotations, choice of audio-visual material, etc).</p> <p>Students should contact instructor in case they might need any extra advice.</p> <p>Instructor should approve oral presentation once the work is done.</p> <p>After class presentation and discussion are over, instructor will meet with the student to comment on the student's strenghts and overall performance.</p> <p>COMPARATIVE ESSAYS</p> <p>Students should inform instructor choice of topic, authors, texts chosen and critical approach for the comparative essay.</p> <p>There will be a tutorial to make it clear basic needs as far as form and content are concerned.</p> <p>Instructor would suggest relevant theory to be used by student and recommend revisions of first draft.</p> <p>Students should have tha approval of instructor to start working on comparative essay.</p> <p>Instructor and students will meet periodically when and if necessary for tutorials.</p>
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Avaliación			
Metodoloxías	Competencias	Descrición	Cualificación
Lecturas	A9 A11 B6 B7 B9 B10 B11	<p>Since students are expected to read assigned required readings BEFORE class, we will start by commenting on specific assigned text.</p> <p>Students should come prepared to class with comments and or questions on the specific text.</p> <p>Students's own voice, originality, creativity and challenging readings would be taken into account</p>	15
Presentación oral	A9 B6 B9 B10	<p>For class presentation, students should provide a close reading as well as an indepth analysis of one or two theory essays (included in the bibliography list).</p> <p>The purpose is for each student to critically introduce one/two particular articles/essays to the rest of the class, and engage in a dialogue with the other students.</p> <p>This is a power point presentation.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to include audio-visual material such as documentaries, video clips or film trailers.</p> <p>Students should highlight most interesting/innovative /controversial/ difficult points and provide quotations from the article.</p> <p>They should come prepare to ask questions to the audience and respond accordingly.</p>	30
Traballos tutelados	A11 A9 B7 B9 B10	<p>ALL students should write a comparative essay and provide a Black Feminist/s reading.</p> <p>Texts for comparaisón should be chosen from the Required List readings.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to use the theoretical articles included in bibliography as well as any other material.</p>	50
Sesión maxistral	A11 A9 B6 B7	<p>The lectures that introduce each particular section on black feminist thoughts and black feminist writers/orators matter.</p> <p>Students are expected to use some of that general or more specific information on the subject when working on their class presentations and/or comparative essays.</p> <p>As it could not be otherwise, the general content of the lectures dialogue with the more specific information students learn about (contradictory/controversial) critical approaches and their authors.</p> <p>Introductory lectures are, thus, part and parcel of the whole course.</p>	5





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Students with special needs should contact lecturer. For more information they can also contact ADI office (Ext. 5622) or [adi@udc.es](mailto:adi@udc.es).

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