

Nirma University
Institute of Law
B.A., LL.B., (Hons.) & B.Com., LL.B. (Hons) Programme
Academic Year 2020-21
Semester – II

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Credit: 4

Hours: 60

Course Code	2BL233
Course Title	English – II (Literature)

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

At the end the course, students will be able to:

1. Explain the interactions of language, law and society through literature
2. Compare and discover parallels among cases and texts, forming a nuanced view of legal procedures.
3. Develop the skill to analyse complex and layered texts and textual situations.
4. Reinforce writing and presentation skills
5. Express complex socio legal concepts with precision

Syllabus

Teaching Hours: 60

Unit I Poetry and Short Stories

(12 Hours)

- “Lady Lazarus” by Sylvia Plath
- “The Unknown Citizen” by W.H. Auden
- “Keep Out of Prison” by Ken Saro Wiwa
- “The Constable Calls” by Seamus Heaney
- “Mind Without Fear” by Rabindranath Tagore
- “God Sees the Truth but Waits” by Leo Tolstoy
- “The Cop and the Anthem” by O. Henry
- “Toba Tek Singh” by Saadat Hasan Manto

Unit II Drama and Performance

(12 Hours)

- The Court Scene (Act IV, Scene I) in *The Merchant of Venice*
- *All My Sons* by Arthur Miller

Unit III Fiction (Novel)

(12 Hours)

- *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
- *The Trial* by Franz Kafka

Unit IV Non-Fiction (Essay)

(12 Hours)

- Excerpts from *Law and the Lawyers* by M.K. Gandhi
- “The Ideas that Have Harmed the Mankind” by Bertrand Russell
- “The Five Functions of the Lawyer” by Arthur T. Vanderbilt
- “Advice to a Young Man Interested in Going into Law” by Felix Frankfurter

Unit V Films and Contemporary Interpretations

(12 Hours)

- *Amistad*
- *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Suggested Readings

1. Bhatnagar, R.P. (2012) *Law and Language*. New Delhi: Macmillan.
2. Dolin, Kieran (2007). *A Critical Introduction to Law and Literature*. London: Cambridge University Press. www.cambridge.org/9780521807432.
3. Ward, Ian. (1995). *Law and Literature: Possibilities and Perspectives*. London: Cambridge University Press.
4. Gandhi, M.K. (1962) *Law and the Lawyers*. Ed. Kher, S.B. Ahmedabad: Navajivan Publishing House. (https://www.mkgandhi.org/ebks/law_and_lawyers.pdf)
5. Russell, Bertrand (1950, 2017). *Unpopular Essays*. London: Routledge Classics.
6. Chomsky, N., & Otero, C. (2006). *Language and politics* (6th ed.). Oakland, CA: AK Press.

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