

AKDENİZ UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF LETTERS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
BRITISH DRAMA II
SYLLABUS

Course Instructor: Assoc. Prof. Dr MUSTAFA SAHINER

Term: 2023-2024 Spring

Aim of the Course: This course attempts to introduce students to the crucial developments of British drama from the 19th century to the 1940s with a special emphasis on the analysis of six representative plays.

Course Outline: The following material will be covered in class during the term.

Week I: General Introduction

Week II: Historical Developments and types of stages

Week III: Early 19th Century: Closet Drama: Lord Byron, *Manfred*

Week IV: Early 19th Century: Closet Drama: Lord Byron, *Manfred*

Week V: Late 19th Century: Drawing-room Comedy: Oscar Wilde, *The Importance of Being Earnest* Irish Drama

Week VI: Oscar Wilde, *The Importance of Being Earnest*

Week VII: The Abbey theatre

Week VIII: Possibly no Class (Ramadan Feast Holiday)

Week IX Midterm (Tentative)

Week X: Early 20th Century: John Millington Synge, *Riders to the Sea*

Week XI: Drama of Ideas: G. B. Shaw, *Pygmalion*

Week XII: Verse Drama: T. S. Eliot, *The Cocktail Party*

Week XIII: Absurd Drama: Samuel Beckett, *Waiting for Godot*

Week XIV: Samuel Beckett, *Waiting for Godot*

Week XV: End of term evaluation

Textbooks/Coursebooks:

There is no set textbook for this course. Students themselves are responsible for obtaining the texts of the works stated in the course outline.

Methods of Instruction and Requirements: The course will be conducted through lectures. The students are expected to take part in all kinds of activities in class. They are expected to participate in class discussions which will greatly affect the end-of-term evaluation.

Attendance: The course will be conducted through lectures. The students are expected to take part in all kinds of activities in class. They are expected to participate in class discussions which will greatly affect the end-of-term evaluation. Attendance is obligatory. Absence exceeding the 1/3 of the total class hours will result in F.

Assessment:

Midterm	40%
Final	60%