

Planning and Quality Assurance Affairs

Form (A)

Course Specifications

General Information

Course name	American Literature
Course number	ENGL4330
Faculty	
Department	
Course type	Major Needs
Course level	4
Credit hours (theoretical)	3
Credit hours (practical)	0
Course Prerequisites	

Course Objectives

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Teaching and Learning Methods

- 1 - Methods of Teaching: Lectures, presentations and discussions

Students Assessment

<u>Assessment Method</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MARKS</u>
Short writing assignments, position papers, .	Second half of the semester	5
Midterm Exam	Eighth week of the semester	30
Attendance and participation	Throughout the semester	5
Final Exam	End of semester	60

Books and References

Course note	Required Reading: Texts May Include: Kathryn Vanspanckeren's "An Outline of American Literature." 2006. F. S. Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby." Selected poems from various eras and movements.
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