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Seminar 2: Rebels, Cheaters, Outlaws (2AN1231)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier principal B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier secondaire B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Séminaire: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

Equipe enseignante:

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Objectifs:

This course further develops students' skills in close reading and teaches them how to analyse literary texts in a critical way; trained in individual presentations and classroom discussions, these skills will be helpful to students for writing research papers.

Contenu:

Robin Hood, probably the most famous medieval outlaw, has captured the popular imagination up to the present day. Indeed, the autumn of this year will see the release of yet another movie (starring Taron Egerton and Jamie Foxx) inspired by medieval stories featuring Robin Hood. In these stories, the outlaw essentially embodies "a politics of hope against the disappointments and degradations of law and law-keeping" as Stephen Knight puts it in *Robin Hood in Greenwood Stood* (page xi). In this seminar we will read a set of texts (in translation) featuring Robin Hood and other characters who challenge the established order. These rebels are often also cheaters who trick others, for example by assuming a fake identity or by telling lies so as to achieve their goals. Their ambivalent attitude towards the law and moral conventions is frequently reflected in the marginal position they occupy in their society. At the same time, their status is also a comment on the society that marginalises them.

Forme de l'évaluation:

Seminar paper of 7 to 10 pages, to be handed in by 5 March 2019 (100%).

Retake: seminar paper of 7 to 10 pages; deadline for submission to be fixed (100%).

Documentation:

A course reader will be distributed in the first meeting (at cost price, c. 10 CHF).

Pré-requis:

None

Forme de l'enseignement:

Seminar