

Department of English – Second Year Semester One (Study Stream in English Studies: Theory and Practice)

Unit Code	Name of the Course Unit	Supplementary Information	Medium of Instruction	No: of Credits	Name of Lecturer(s)
ENG 2116	History of the English Language	Optional; recommended for teachers of English	EM	3	Shalini Abayasekara Esther Surenthiraraj
<p>Course Description This course gives students a survey of the history of the English language from the 5th century up to the 21st century. The course aims to introduce students to the development of the English language with dynamic interaction with its socio-historic context within and outside Britain.</p>					
ENG 2121	Metaphysical and Neoclassical Poetry	Compulsory; recommended for teachers of English	EM	3	Ruhanie Perera Dr. Sermal Wijewardene
<p>Course Description This course will introduce the work of Metaphysical and Neoclassical poets, paying close attention to the distinctive features of Metaphysical conceit and the heroic couplet.</p>					
ENG 2135	Children’s Literature	Optional	EM	3	Dr. Shravika D Amarasekara
<p>Course Description The course provides students an introduction to the study of children’s literature and children’s literature criticism. Through a historical survey of the evolution of the concept of childhood, students will be able to engage with representations of childhood in literary texts and to critically analyse the meanings attached to the concept. The course takes a cross-cultural approach in its selection of texts in order to engage with the cultural meanings attributed to childhood. The course draws on recent developments in childhood studies in its approach to children’s literature criticism.</p>					