

Veranstalter .....	<b>Dr. Felix Sprang</b>
Thema .....	<b>Grundlagen der anglistischen Literaturwissenschaft [AA-E2, ENG-2]</b>
Art der Veranstaltung .....	<b>Seminar Ia</b>
Veranstaltungsnummer .....	<b>53.535</b>
Zeit .....	<b>2st. Mi 16-18 (+ 2 Std. Übung)</b>
Raum .....	<b>Phil 1250</b>
Beginn .....	<b>4. April 2012</b>

What exactly is literature? What is literary theory? What counts as interpretation as opposed to “mere opinion”? In how far are literary studies scientific? What are the methods that can help us to examine literary texts?

This seminar will provide answers to some of the most fundamental questions that students of English face at the beginning of their course. The focus of this seminar is on established literary forms, i. e. poetry, prose and drama, but we will also look at texts and media that broaden the concept of literature as a set of canonical texts. The objective of the course is to enable and empower you to confront texts and media academically. We will try out and discuss tools and methods for the analysis of content and form. You will be shown that you can choose from several traditions of how to analyse a text ranging from hermeneutics to structuralism and post-structuralism. While methods are important, we will also discuss theories that can inform us about what to look for when interpreting texts. The aim is that you arrive at a better understanding of how methods and theory are connected in literary studies.

Every week you will be asked to read an academic paper in preparation for class. In class we will apply the methods and theories discussed in that paper to a chosen example or excerpt from English poetry, prose or drama. All the texts will be provided at the beginning of the course.

The course consists of a weekly seminar and a weekly tutorial. Please check the website for times and classrooms of the tutorials.



### **Scheinvoraussetzungen:**

regelmäßige Teilnahme (an der Begleitvorlesung, am Seminar wie am Tutorium), aktive Mitarbeit, Bestehen der Abschlussklausur.

<b>Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:</b>	<b>Di. 9:30 – 11:00</b>
<b>Sprechstunde während der Semesterferien:</b>	<b>Nach Vereinbarung per E-Mail</b>