



University of Kerala

Discipline	ENGLISH				
Course Code	UK1MDCENG100				
Course Title	POP CULTURE				
Type of Course	MDC				
Semester	I				
Academic Level	100 - 199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	3	3 hours	-		3
Pre-requisites	1. Have an interest in various aspects of popular culture 2. A critical mind to understand how pop culture reflects the values of our society				
Course Summary	Introduces students to popular culture through various media and forms of creative expression,				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hours
I	Folk/Fairytales		9
		Defining Popular Culture -Folk Culture - High Culture - Culture Industry	
	1	Pop Culture: An Overview- Tim Delaney https://philosophynow.org/issues/64/Pop_Culture_An_Overview	
	2	Modern Perception of Fairies: From Folklore to Pop Culture- https://mythical-creatures.com/modern-perception-of-fairies-from-folklore-to-pop-culture/	
	3	“The Monkey’s Heart”- Indian and African https://www.talesofpanchatantra.com/the-monkey-and-the-crocodile	
II	Science Fiction and Fantasy		9
	Utopias - Dystopias -Time Travel- Cybernetics and SF		

	4	“The Seventh Voyage”- Stanislaw Lem .https://www.travesssmalley.com/pdf/Stanislaw_Lem_The_Seventh_Voyage_1957.pdf	
	5	Science Fiction vs. Fantasy: How Are Science Fiction and Fantasy Distinct? https://www.masterclass.com/articles/how-are-science-fiction-and-fantasy-distinct	
	6	The Boy Who Lived - Chapter 1 from Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, J K Rowling. https://docenti.unimc.it/antonella.pascali/teaching/2018/19055/files/ultima-lezione/harry-potter-and-the-philosophers-stone	
III	Music		9
	Pop Music - Pop music and Classical music- Types - Fandom - K Pop - Hallyu Wave		
	7	“The Evolution of Popular Music” Chapter 6.2 from <i>Understanding Media and Culture: An Introduction to Mass Communication</i> (Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License) https://www.palomar.edu/users/lpayn/115/GC115-Understanding-Media-and-Culture-An-Introduction-to-Mass-Communication.pdf	
	8	Selections from Pop Music “Beat It” by Micheal Jackson https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRdxUFD0Qe0 PSY – “Gangnam Style” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bZkp7q19f0 BTS – “Butter” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMweEpGlu_U New Jeans – “Gods” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3GouGa0noM	
	9	Korea Centre. “K-Craze in India: How the Hallyu Wave Is Shaking up Language Learning and Inspiring Indian Students.” Korea Centre India, 8 Oct. 2023, koreacentre.org/2023/09/20/k-craze-in-india-how-the-hallyu-wave-is-shaking-up-language-learning-and-inspiring-indian-students .	
IV	Reading the Romance		9
	Romantic fiction and sub genres- - Romantic films		

	10	Pop Culture's Romanticism Killed Love by Ryan Gosha https://ryangosha.medium.com/pop-cultures-romanticism-killed-love-ef4031ea34a1	
	11	<i>When Dimple Met Rishi</i> . Novel by Sandhya Menon Simon and Schuster 2017	
	12	<i>Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge</i> . Film. (1995) Directed by Aditya Chopra	
V	Comic Multiverses		9
	Comic Multiverse - Superheroes- Indian super hero characters		
	13	Akira Toriyama – <i>Dragonball Z</i> . Chapter 1-3 https://www.viz.com/shonenjump/chapters/dragon-ball-z	
	14	<i>Black Panther</i> (2018) Film. Dir. Ryan Coogler	

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Develop a comprehensive understanding of the diverse and dynamic nature of popular culture and its significance within contemporary Indian society	R, U	
CO-2	Analyse the role of popular culture in reflecting and influencing social norms, values, ideologies, and collective identities	R, U	
CO-3	Investigate how popular culture reflects and shapes processes of cosmopolitanism with special reference to the Indian context	R, U	
CO-4	Explore the historical and sociocultural contexts in which different forms of popular culture emerge and evolve	U	

CO-5	Explore the intersections between popular culture and other cultural phenomena, including politics, economics, religion, gender, sexuality, race, and identity	U	
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R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Note: 1 or 2 COs/module

Name of the Course: Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
				F, C		
				P		

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs :

	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO 6	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6
CO 1	1	-	-	-	-	-						
CO 2	2	3	-	-	-	-						
CO 3	-	-	1	-	-	-						
CO 4	-	-	2	3	-	-						

CO 5	-	1	-	-	-	-						
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Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓

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