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Basque Literature

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Teaching groups languages

Principal working language: Catalan (cat) Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes

Prerequisites

No previous knowledge of Basque is required.

Objectives and Contextualization

The subject is proposed as an introduction to literature in Basque. We will offer a very important place to oral literature because, on the one hand, it is coming out of a situation of undervaluation with respect to written literature (not only in Basque), on the other hand, it shows us a very old globalization where Basque forms part of Western culture and, lastly, it is an important model for writers. Within written literary production, we will deal with the whole of the 20th and 21st century, especially from the 1960s onwards. In relation to the treatment of the contents, there will be basic theoretical and descriptive explanations, but we will have to make works that go further, trying to link themes related to the reality of the students; to achieve this, we will have to make comparative works. We will also work transversally on themes that span many eras and authors (the gender perspective, eroticism, religion, social and political issues, attitudes towards universal literature, nature, the city, love, exile, the autobiography reflected in literature...). Therefore, in addition to the general bibliography, we will use an extensive dossier and a specifically created questionnaire.

Learning Outcomes

- 1- Assess the position of Basque literature in literature.
- 2- Describe the historical and thematic evolution of Basque literature.
- 3- Relate Basque literature to other cultural and artistic expressions of Basque society.

Content

Although in the following scheme the subjects appear totally separated, the treatment in the classes will not necessarily be chronological or isolated, but plural and integrating.

1. BASQUE LITERARY SYSTEM: INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Characteristics and situation of the Basque Country, Euskara and Basque literature (minority language, marginalisation, difficulties and opportunities for creating and developing a Basque literary system...)
- 1.2. Gender perspectives
- 2. ORAL LITERATURE
- 2.1. Relevance of oral literature
- 2.1.1. From underestimation to major field of study
- 2.1.2. World heritage, or at least, western heritage
- 2.1.3. Source for Basque writers and artists
- 2.2. Concepts specific to orality
- 2.2.1. Indirect expression: indicia and symbolism
- 2.2.2. Topical or recurring motifs
- 2.2.3. System of values
- 2.2.4. Formal characteristics of oral 'texts'
- 2.3. Types of Basque oral literature
- 2.3.1. Ballads
- 2.3.2. Popular lyric of the 18th century
- 2.3.3. Tales
- 2.3.4. Popular theatre
- 2.3.5. Bertsolarism
- 3.BASQUE LITERATURE WRITTEN
- 3.1. The sources of Basque writers
- 3.1.1. Oral literature
- 3.1.2. Contemporary accessible literature
- 3.1.3. Previous Basque written works (in general, few pioneers)
- 3.2. The exiguous Basque classical literature: XVI-XIX centuries
- 3.3. End of the 19th century and 20th and 21st centuries
- 3.3.1. Something resembling Romanticism
- 3.3.2. Renaissance of the pre-war period
- 3.3.3. Post-war darkness
- 3.3.4. (Re)beginning of modern Basque culture
- 3.3.5. The charm of experimentation
- 3.3.6. Climbing the summit
- 3.3.7. The waters in their course
- 3.3.8. Basque women writers

Methodology

- 1) Learning based on explanations and readings
- 2) Practical exercises
- 3) Practical sessions of correction and follow-up of the exercises
- 4) Exercises and problems to be solved autonomously
- 5) Preparation and drafting of reference book reviews
- 6) Personal study
- 7) Presentation, follow-up and correction of exercises and works

Within the schedule set by the center or degree program, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Type: Directed			
Learning based on explanations and readings. Practical exercises.	44	1,76	1, 2, 3
Type: Supervised			
Practical sessions of correction and follow-up of the exercises. Presentation, follow-up and correction of exercises and works.	10	0,4	1, 2, 3
Type: Autonomous			
Exercises and problems that must be solved autonomously. Preparation and writing of reviews on reference works. Personal study.	96	3,84	1, 2, 3

Assessment

Continuous evaluation mode

There will be no final exam!

We will use a continuous evaluation model, which will assess the progressive acquisition of knowledge, daily work and participation:

- * Throughout the course, **two papers** related to the subject's questionnaire will be delivered (each paper will weigh 28% of the overall mark). Submitting these papers later than the established dates means that their score will not be above 10, but about 8.5.
- * During the course you will have to **submit a work done individually or in groups** of two people of about 12-15 pages on oral literature, specifically on the ballads "Franziako andrea The bad mother-in-law" or "Atharratzeko andrea The lady of Atharratze" (this work will weigh 37% of the overall mark). Submitting the work later than the established date means that it will not score on 100%, but 85%.
- * The rest (0.7 points of the total) will be related, on the one hand, to class attendance, daily work, participation and attitude (0.4 points); and on the other hand, with the participation in the tutoring of the work on the ballads (0.3 points). Not participating in this tutorial means not obtaining all these 0.7 points of the overall mark. If there is the possibility of organizing conferences or other complementary activities to the classes, these activities also score.
- * Any unacceptable practice (handing in work other than that requested, identity fraud, very bad writing, copying in exams, etc. implies the absolute suspension of the subject).

In the event of a student committing any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade awarded to an assessment activity, the student will be given a zero for this activity, regardless of any disciplinary process that may take place. In the event of several irregularities in assessment activities of the same subject, the student will be given a zero as the final grade for this subject.

A student who has completed less than 2/3 of the evaluation activities will be considered 'NOT EVALUABLE'.

To participate in the re-assessment, the student must have been previously assessed in a series of activities whose weight equals a minimum of 2/3 of the total grade. Only those students who, having failed, have at least a median final grade of 3.5 are entitled to re-assessment. Some tasks cannot be re-assessed (participation in class, oral presentations, exercises made in class).

If tests or exams cannot be taken onsite, they will be adapted to an online format made available through the UAB's virtual tools (original weighting will be maintained). Homework, activities and class participation will be carried out through forums, wikis and/or discussion on Teams, etc. Lecturers will ensure that students are able to access these virtual tools or will offer them feasible alternatives.

At the time of each assessment activity, the teacher will inform the students of the procedure and the date of the revision of the grades.

Assessment activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Attendance and participation	7	44	1,76	1, 2, 3
Work on Basque oral literature	37	44	1,76	1, 2, 3
Work related to the subject questionnaire 1	28	24	0,96	1, 2, 3
Work related to the subject questionnaire 2	28	24	0,96	1, 2, 3

Single evaluation mode

Single assessment means a single assessment date, but not a single assessment activity.

The single assessment does not change the teaching model of the class.

So that there are no comparative complaints between the two assessment models, the single assessment will include all the content of the continuous assessment: it will not be a simplified version of the subject.

It will consist of the following tasks:

- 1. Individual exercise (30%): develop guestions 23, 25 and 26 (with the help of 24).
- 2. Individual exercise (30%): develop one of these options:
 - o Question 38.
 - o Question 39.
 - o Question 40.
 - Question 41.
 - Questions 43, 44 and 45.
 - You can propose a similar topic.

- 3. Commentary on written text, and presentation and oral defenses (40%): make a comment on oral literature, specifically on ballads, based on the specific scheme that we will use in class and that will be distributed at the beginning of the course; then you will have to present it orally and make a defense in front of the teacher, who will raise questions.
- * Any unacceptable practice (handing in work other than that requested, identity fraud, very bad writing, copying in exams, etc. implies the absolute suspension of the subject).

In the event of a student committing any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade awarded to an assessment activity, the student will be given a zero for this activity, regardless of any disciplinary process that may take place. In the event of several irregularities in assessment activities of the same subject, the student will be given a zero as the final grade for this subject.

A student who has completed less than 2/3 of the evaluation activities will be considered 'NOT EVALUABLE'.

To participate in the re-assessment, the student must have been previously assessed in a series of activities whose weight equals a minimum of 2/3 of the total grade. Only those students who, having failed, have at least a median final grade of 3.5 are entitled to re-assessment.

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On carrying out each evaluation activity, lecturers will inform students of the procedures to be followed for reviewing all grades awarded, and the date on which such a review will take place.

Students can **choose the Single Assessment through an application** that will be published by the UAB on specific dates: from September 25 to October 16, 2024.

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