

**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
**M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN ENGLISH**  
 SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

**CORE- II - DRAMA**

Course Code	Course Name	Category	L	T	P	O	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
402C1B	<b>Drama</b>	Core	Y	Y	-	-	5	7	25	75	100

**Learning Objective**

LO1	To acquaint the students with the origin of drama in England
LO2	To trace the different stages of British Drama and its evolution in the context of theatre.
LO3	To facilitate the learners to identify Socio-cultural scenario through the study of representative texts.
LO4	To enable the students to identify different forms of drama
LO5	To encourage the learners to examine the themes presented in English Drama and to develop the ability to critically analyze the texts.

**Details**

**UNIT I Beginnings of Drama**

- **Miracle and Morality Plays**

- **The Senecan and Revenge Tragedy:** Thomas Kyd - *The Spanish Tragedy*

**UNIT II Elizabethan Theatre & Jacobean Drama**

- Theatres, Theatre groups, Audience, Actors and Conventions

- Tragedy and Comedy

- Ben Jonson - *Volpone*

- John Webster - *The White Devil*

**UNIT III Restoration Drama**

- John Dryden - *All for Love*

- William Congreve *The Way of the World*

**UNIT IV**

- George Bernard Shaw - *The Apple Cart*

**UNIT V Twentieth Century Drama**

- Irish Dramatic Movement

J.M Synge - *The Playboy of the Western World*

- Epic Theatre - Bertolt Brecht - *Mother Courage and her Children*

- Post-Modern Drama - Samuel Beckett - *Waiting for Godot*

Course Outcomes		Programme Outcomes
CO	On completion of this course, students will	
1	Appraise various aspects of drama and theatre	PO1, PO2

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2	Identify drama and performance as a cultural process and an artistic discourse	PO3,PO5
3	Evaluate plot structure, characterization and dialogue	PO4
4	Interpret drama texts as aesthetic records of their times viz., Elizabethan, Restoration, Victorian and Early Modern ages,	PO6,PO7,PO8
5	Examine the sequential course dealing with Modern and Postmodern British Drama	PO9,PO10
<b>Text Book</b>		
1	Bradbrook, M.C., 1955, The Growth and Structure and Elizabethan Comedy, London.	
2	Tillyard E.M.W., 1958, The Nature of Comedy & Shakespeare, London.	
<b>Reference Books</b>		
1.	Una Ellis-Fermor, 1965, The Jacobean Drama: An Interpretation, Methuen & Co., London.	
2.	Allardyce Nicoll, 1973, British Drama, Harrap, London.	
3.	Bradbrook, M.C., 1979, Themes and Conventions of Elizabethan Tragedy, Vikas Publishing House Pvt., Ltd., (6 <sup>th</sup> ed) New Delhi.	
4.	Michael Hathaway, 1982, Elizabethan Popular Theatre: Plays in Performance, Routledge, London.	
5.	Kinney, Arthur.F., 2004, A Companion to Renaissance Drama, Oxford: Blackwell Publishing. <a href="https://www.britannica.com/art/epic-theatre">https://www.britannica.com/art/epic-theatre</a>	
<b>Web Resources</b>		
1.	<a href="http://www.questia.com">http://www.questia.com</a> (online library for research)	
2.	<a href="http://www.clt.astate.edu/wmarey/asste%">http://www.clt.astate.edu/wmarey/asste%</a>	
3.	<a href="https://nosweatshakespeare.com/resources/era/jacobean-drama-theatre/">https://nosweatshakespeare.com/resources/era/jacobean-drama-theatre/</a>	
4.	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/art/English-literature/The-Restoration">https://www.britannica.com/art/English-literature/The-Restoration</a>	
5.	<a href="https://www.britannica.com/art/epic-theatre">https://www.britannica.com/art/epic-theatre</a>	

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**Mapping with Programme Outcomes:**

	<b>PO 1</b>	<b>PO 2</b>	<b>PO 3</b>	<b>PO 4</b>	<b>PO 5</b>	<b>PO 6</b>	<b>PO 7</b>	<b>PO 8</b>	<b>PO 9</b>	<b>PO10</b>
<b>CO 1</b>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	M	S	M
<b>CO 2</b>	M	S	S	S	M	S	S	M	M	M
<b>CO 3</b>	S	S	S	M	S	S	S	M	S	M
<b>CO 4</b>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	M	M	M
<b>CO 5</b>	S	M	S	S	S	S	S	M	M	S

**Mapping with Programme Specific outcomes:**

<b>CO /PO</b>	<b>PSO 1</b>	<b>PSO 2</b>	<b>PSO 3</b>	<b>PSO 4</b>	<b>PSO 5</b>
<b>CO1</b>	3	3	3	3	3
<b>CO2</b>	3	3	3	3	3
<b>CO3</b>	3	3	3	3	3
<b>CO4</b>	3	3	3	3	3
<b>CO5</b>	3	3	3	3	3
<b>Weightage</b>	15	15	15	15	15
<b>Weighted percentage of Course Contribution to Pos</b>	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0