

**AMRITA VISHWA VIDYAPEETHAM**  
**AMRITAPURI CAMPUS**  
**PhD-ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

**2024**

**24EN807**

**ENVIRONMENT IN LITERATURE**

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

The course will enable the students to understand the representations of nature in multiple genres of literature; analyse literary texts to study the role of literature in addressing contemporary social and environmental concerns; study the philosophical and cultural implications of human impact on the natural environment and the ways that human interactions with nature have affected both human and nonhuman life; explore the prescribed literary texts from an ecocritical perspective; encourage students to work out possible solutions for the conflicts environment faces.

**ACTIVITIES/CONTENT WITH DIRECT BEARING ON EMPLOYABILITY /ENTREPRENEURSHIP/SKILL DEVELOPMENT (based on NAAC Criteria):**

The Course will guide the learner to form a clear understanding of the concepts and ideas regarding the serious issues that affect the environment and socially and culturally relevant areas of thought. By understanding and applying the theories and concepts in the course, the learner is able to build a career as an assistant professor /content writer/ environmental scientist.

**YEAR OF INTRODUCTION: 2024**

**SYLLABUS**

**Unit 1: Fiction**

Amitav Ghosh: *The Hungry Tide* and *Gun Island*

Sheela Tomy: *Valli*

**Unit 2: Film**

Hayao Miyazaki :*Princess Mononoke* (1997)

Jonathan Hughes:*David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet* (2020)

**Unit 3: Poetry**

Niyi Osundare: “Our Earth Will Not Die”

William Wordsworth: “On the Projected Kendal and Windermere Railway”

Keki N Daruwalla: “The Ghaghra In Spate”

**Unit 4: Essays/short stories**

Rachel Carson: “A Fable for Tomorrow” from *Silent Spring*

Ernest Hemingway: “Fathers and Sons”

William Faulkner: “The Bear”

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## COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO 1: Identify the relevance of nature in multiple genres of literature.
- CO 2: Explore the themes, characterization and other narrative techniques to comprehend the eco critical elements.
- CO 3: Adopt interdisciplinary learning for critical analysis and deliberate practice.
- CO 4: Apply a theoretical framework to the select works.

## Evaluation Pattern

### Total 100 Marks

Internal	Continuous Assessment	External
Midterm Exam-50 marks Weightage- 30	Assignment-10marks & test paper-10 marks Weightage -20	Presentation-25 marks Viva-25marks Weightage -50