

General Information			
Course name KSSFaK/LDM/07	Literature for Children and Youth	ECTS Credits	2
		Semester	summer (2nd, 3rd year BA)
* language of instruction – English (or Slovak)			
Aims			
<p>The aim of the course is to get students acquainted with the various types of literary texts – either well-known (such as the folk-tales of different nations, functioning as the evidence of universality of the symbols and archetypes); as well as less-known texts (such as the modern fairy-tales and stories). From the poetological point of view, the chosen texts represent the genre of myth, fairy tale, fantasy, nonsense literature, humorous story, picture book, etc.</p> <p>Using different types and techniques of the interpretation we aim to explicate the literary work either as the reflection of the hidden integrity of the world, as well as the specific transformation of universal life-truths.</p>			
Contents			
<p>Brief outline of the course topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction (children's and juvenile literature; its categories, basic literary genres; intentional and non-intentional literature for children; literary value); 2. Folk tales as a part of national heritage and a source of literary tradition; 3. Literary (modern) fairy tales and their symbolism; 4. Forms and functions of the literary nonsense; 5. Comicality as a forming principle of fairy figures; 6. Subversion in fantasy tales; 7. Superhero fantasy and adventure fiction; 8. Animal and toy fantasy; 9. Picture books – a specific genre transforming serious messages; 10. Favourite children's books – literary inspirations 			
Evaluation			
<p>Continuous: active participation in the discussions – 20%</p> <p>Power-point presentation and interpretation of the chosen text for the seminar topic – 40%</p> <p>Final : children's book review – 40%</p>			
Bibliography			

Bettelheim, Bruno. *The Uses of Enchantment*. Penguin Books. 1991
Bobulová, I. – Pokrivčáková, S. – Preložníková, E. – Příbylová, I.: *Children's and Juvenile Literature*. Nitra: UKF, 2003.
Eco, Umberto. *On Literature*. Vintage. 2006.
Watson, Victor. *The Cambridge Guide to Children's Books in English*. Cambridge University Press. 2001.
BOOKBIRD – a journal of international children's literature – chosen volumes (according to a topic)

