Students are offered this course before studying any course in English literature. It aims at introducing the beginners, who specialize in literature to the literary genres and terms in general. The material deals with the historical developments of English literature from the early periods to the present time. Since this course is introduced to the beginners, the textual material must be taught in modern English, though it represents different periods, in order to help students understand the essentials or studying English literature before treating the original texts.