

## **MLL352 Classical Malay Literature**

**Level:** 3

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** MALAY

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY JULY

### **Synopsis:**

MLL352 Classical Malay Literature aims to allow students to appreciate and understand the dominant corpus in the Malay literary tradition, which was produced and disseminated before the end of the 19th century. Various styles of thinking and styles of writings will be compared. The module frames the discussion in a sociological-historical perspective thereby enabling students to be able to read literary texts from a critical standpoint. This course dovetails with our existing course MLL311 Jawi and Malay Literature.

### **Topics:**

- Introduction: Textual and Contextual Affinity in Malay Literary Tradition
- Introduction to Court Text
- The Court Texts: Ideology and its Stylistic Finesse
- Introduction to Classical Religious Texts
- The Humanistic Voices in Ethico-religious Texts
- The Mystical Tracts of the Sufi Tradition
- Folk Wisdom in Classical Literature
- Folk Wisdom in Oral Prose and Verse
- Textual Traditions, Scholarship and Orientalism
- Jawi in Classical Literature

### **Textbooks:**

Liaw Yock Fang: Sejarah Kesusasteraan Melayu Klasik. (2011) Jalaarta: Pustaka obor.  
ISBN-13: 9789794617786

**Learning Outcome:**

- Appraise the importance of reading classical Malay literature as an attempt to understand Malay culture and society. (B4)
- Evaluate critically the texts and its social meanings and presence. (B6)
- Apply the skills of reading critically of text vis-a-vis its context in a particular social group and historical period. (B3)
- Discuss how the social grouping's ideologies and aesthetical sense colour the literary works. (B2)
- Determine the ways in which the readings of literary texts could give meaning to the existing interpretations and its counter views. (B3)
- Analyse the values and thought as enjoined or objected as reflected and documented in literary texts. (B4)

**Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):**

<b>Components</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Weightage Allocation (%)</b>
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 1	5
	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 2	5
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	20
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	20
Overall Examinable Components	ECA	50
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>