Aim: The objective in the intensive study of eight representative texts will be to develop student awareness of British drama dating from the 1950s to 1980. During the course, each dramatic movement will be studied in detail. The thematic, technical and stylistic contribution of each playwright to British drama will be thoroughly analysed with reference to relevant literary theory where applicable.

Course Outline:

Week 1: General Introduction
Week 2: No Class on 24 September, Bayram
Week 3: Introduction
Week 4: Absurd Drama
   Samuel Beckett: Waiting for Godot (1953)
Week 5: The Angry Young Man Movement
   John Osborne: Look Back in Anger (1956)
Week 6: Kitchen-Sink Drama
   Arnold Wesker: The Kitchen (1958)
Week 7: No Class on 29 October, Bayram
Week 8: Comedy of Menace
   Harold Pinter: The Birthday Party (1958)
Week 9: Mid-Term Exam
Week 10: Irish Drama
   Brian Friel: Philadelphia, Here I Come (1964)
Week 11: Theatre of Cruelty
   Edward Bond: Saved (1968)
Week 12: Psychological Drama/Elements of Epic Theatre
   Peter Shaffer: Equus (1973)
Week 13: Continued
Week 14: Feminist Drama
   Caryl Churchill: Top Girls (1980)

Textbooks: Students are expected to provide the books themselves at the beginning of the semestre.
Requirements: Attendance is obligatory; more than 11 hours of absence will result in F1. Students are expected to come to class on time, with the relevant text and having read the assigned material.
Method of Instruction. The course will be conducted through lecturing, 10-minute student presentations, and class discussions.
Assessment:

   Mid-Term Exam : 25%
   3 Pop-Quizzes: 15%, 5% each.
   10-min. Oral Presentation: 10%
   Final Exam: 50%

Plagiarism will result in F3. In the grading of all written and oral work 25% will be taken off for English mistakes. Students must receive at least 50 points over 100 from the Final Exam.

Video Material: Scenes from the videos of Look Back in Anger, Waiting for Godot, The Dumb Waiter, Equus and Top Girls will be viewed and discussed in class.

GOOD LUCK!