

English 265W
3 Credit Hours
Western World Literature Course Syllabus
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1. Selected Readings:

1. Homer: Iliad
2. Homer: Odyssey
3. Sophocles: Theban Plays
4. Dante: Inferno
5. Shakespeare: Othello

2. Course Content:

This course in World Literature deals chronologically with selected works of the literature of the western world from Homer through Shakespeare.

3. Course Objectives:

- A. To become familiar with the works of representative writers of various cultures.
- B. To discover the universal themes and common concerns of literature.
- C. To analyze and evaluate the philosophical insights and value judgment of writers of various cultures.
- D. To develop an appreciation of the literary techniques, literary vocabulary and aesthetic values common to cultures, as well as those peculiar to individual cultures.
- E. To develop a more cosmopolitan outlook, both aesthetically and philosophically.
- F. To acknowledge our citizenship within western culture.

4. Text List:

(Same as **Selected Readings**)

5. Course Requirements:

1. Reading assignments and writing situations will be given over the readings and background. These assignments are announced in class. These assignments will be averaged and evaluated as a major grade. No make-ups will be given; however, the lowest grade will be dropped for each student.
2. 3 major examinations will be given in class. These examinations will require writing about the material as well as analysis.
3. Consideration will be given for class participation and discussion.
4. A final examination will be evaluated as 2 major grades. The exam is comprehensive.

6. Absence Policy:

The University bulletin stresses the importance of punctuality and "regular" attendance. In order to adhere to their guidelines, I have adopted the following absence policy for my classes:

1. A student is allowed three (3) absences during the semester without any penalty being imposed. (This absence without penalty does not apply to any work missed.)
2. If a student misses more than four (4) to five (5) meetings during the semester, the student will be penalized two (2) points.
3. After the student misses six (6) classes during the semester, he or she will not receive credit for the course.
4. If a student has maintained a perfect attendance for the entire semester, he or she will have three (3) points added to the final grade in the course.

7. Grading System:

All grades are based on a 100 point scale: 100-90=A, 89-80=B, 79-70=C, 69-60=D, 59-0=F. All work must be completed and turned in on time or you will fail by default.

Your final course grade will be calculated and averaged as follows:

1. Average of reading assignments and writing will be 1 component
2. 3 major exams will be 3 components
3. Project, if applicable, will be 1 component
4. Final examination will be 2 components

I add the grade of each component and divide by the total number of components to determine your final grade. The last consideration given for grade distribution is to include points for perfect attendance or to subtract points for lack of attendance.