

English 266: Readings in Literary Genres

Class schedule: MWF 9-10; 12-1; Evans Complex 105

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Course objectives:

This course provides an introduction to major literary genres: poetry, fiction, and drama. Students will read various selections from the text in order to become familiar with close reading and analysis.

Required texts:

Kennedy & Gioia. *Literature: An Introduction to Fiction, Poetry, and Drama.*

Kennedy, Gioia, and Bauerlein. *Handbook of Literary Terms: Literature, Language, Theory*

Absence policy

- *All students are expected to attend every class.
- *More than **four** absences (for whatever reason) may adversely affect the student's semester average
- *Any student who misses 15+ minutes of class will be considered absent. If a student is tardy, and the roll has been taken, it is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor of his/her presence in the class immediately after class.
- *Absence on the day an assignment is due does not exempt the student from fulfilling the assignment. *It is the student's responsibility to keep up with the calendar.*

Grade determination:

Exams:

There will be **three** exams during the course of the semester, one after each major reading selection (poetry, fiction, drama). Each exam will be weighted equally.

Additionally, there will be **three** "quizzes" over literary terms after each major reading selection. I will take the **average** of these quiz grades to make **another** major grade, equal to the exam grades.

****There will be no make-up exams/quizzes given without prior notice of student's absence on the day of a scheduled exam.**

****I reserve the right to change the nature of the grade determination to include daily quizzes or other assignments should the need arise; I will provide written documentation of the change.**

Classroom policy:

- *Please come prepared for each class with note taking materials and **text**.
- *I reserve the right to change the course schedule if the need arises. Please keep your calendar handy.
- *Please turn off phones and beepers
- *Please no tobacco products or food in the classroom.

*Except in cases of emergency, leaving the classroom during class time is considered rude and inappropriate and will not be tolerated. Only when class is dismissed by the professor should students leave the room. In a special situation where a student needs to leave early on a particular day, he/she should discuss the matter with the professor before class.

*I reserve the right to invite a student to leave the classroom should his/her behavior warrant it.

Academic Dishonesty:

Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. *See Student Syllabus Guidelines.*

<http://www.shsu.edu/administrative/faculty/sectionb.html#dishonesty>

Student Absences on Religious Holy Days:

Students are allowed to miss class and other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Students remain responsible for all work. *See Student Syllabus Guidelines.*

http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/documents/861001.pdf

Students with Disabilities Policy:

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center. *See Student Syllabus Guidelines.*

http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/811006.html

