

Course Syllabus

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British Literature I English 2322

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NOTE: This syllabus is subject to change during the semester . Please check this syllabus on a regular basis for any updates.

Department	:	English & Foreign Languages
Course Title	:	English 2322 British Literature I
Section Name	:	BVN
Start Date	:	August 22, 2011
End Date	:	December 9, 2011
Modality	:	M-F 9:00-9:51 Face to Face
Credits	:	3

Instructor Information

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Conference Period: 2:45-3:35

Course Description

Consists of reading and analyzing significant works of British literature from the Old English period through the Neoclassical period. Requires research paper or several short analytical papers. Required of all English majors.

Prerequisites/Corequisites

English 1301 & 1302

Scans

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Required Readings/Materials

a) *The Norton Anthology of British Literature*. Volume A. Eighth Edition.

Course Objectives

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to

Demonstrate the ability to think critically about notable works of British literature from the Middle Ages to the end of the 18th century;

Demonstrate the ability to read assigned texts closely, develop interpretational analyses of these texts, and clearly articulate the findings of these critical interpretational analyses;

Recognize the major movements and periods of British literature from the Middle Ages through the 18th century.

Discuss the basic and more abstract elements of different genres of literature of this period using the appropriate literary terminology;

Recognize recurring cultural and literary themes as they appear in selected works of this period of British literature;

Communicate this understanding of British literature using well-organized, lucid prose.

This class will be given concurrently with English IV and students will be required to fulfil all graduation requirements for English IV as well as English 2322.

Course Requirements (Assignments and Assessments)

Daily Work/Homework—20%

Tests—30%

Projects and Essays—30%

Final—20%

Topic/Overview:

Summary of Assignments & Activities

Item(Name)		Type	Description
Beowulf	Lecture/ Discussion		We will read Beowulf and discuss major ideas in this text, including background, history, kennings, the epic hero, and students will do various activities on this piece.
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight	Lecture/ Discussion		Students will read this selection and discuss major ideas in this text like courtly love, chivalry, knights, etc. Students will then produce a comic strip representing the story line of this selection.
The Canterbury Tales	Lecture/ Discussion		Students will read The Prologue, analyze and discuss all characters, Chaucer's view of each one of these, discuss frame story. Then we will read The Pardoner's Tale and The Wife of Bath's Tale
Le Morte d Arthur	Lecture/ Discussion		Students will read and discuss parts from Le Morte d' Arthur and will produce an obituary of King Arthur.
Sonnets	Lecture/ Discussion		Students will read and discuss the three different types of sonnets and the major authors of each. They will produce a sonnet in one of the formats.
Metaphysical/ Cavalier Poets	Lecture/ Discussion		Students will read examples of the poets known as the Metaphysical and Cavalier poets.
John Milton	Lecture/ Discussion		Students will read parts of Paradise Lost and discuss. They will then produce an essay over this piece
Jonathan Swift	Lecture/ Discussion		Students will read parts of Gulliver's Travels and then A Modest Proposal. They will analyze satirical essay and then produce their own modest proposal.
Thomas Gray	Lecture/ Discussion		Students will read "Elegy in a Courtyard" and will discuss characteristics of an elegy.
Various Written Responses	Lecture/ Discussion		Upon completion of each time period or major work, students will produce some form of written assignment demonstrating comprehension.

Grading Policy

Percentage %	Grade
100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69-60	D
59 & Below	F

Withdrawing from Class

According to Buena Vista ISD School Board Policy, students who enroll in this course may not withdraw.

Special Needs

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Learning Resource Center (Library)

The Library, known as the [Learning Resources Center](#), provides research assistance via the [LRC's catalog \(print books, videos, e-books\)](#) and [databases \(journal and magazine articles\)](#). [Research guides](#) covering specific subject areas, [tutorials](#), and the ["Ask a Librarian"](#) service provide additional help.

Student E-mail

Please access your [Odessa College Student E-mail](#), by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. **All correspondence for this class will be conducted using your Odessa College email.**

Student Portal

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Technical Support

For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm.

Important School Policies

For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or student's and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the [Odessa College Student Handbook](#).