

## English 2332.151. and 451 World Literature

### Policy Statement and Syllabus

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#### Catalogue Course Description:

Prerequisites: ENGL1301 and 1302. The course is a study of selected literary masterpieces written from Ancient times through the Renaissance. **This course satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement:** Yes—Language, Philosophy, and Culture Foundational Component Area

#### **THIS IS NOT A SELF-PACED COURSE. THERE ARE STRICT DUE DATES ON ALL ASSIGNMENTS**

**Course Description:** This course is a survey of world literature from the ancient world through the sixteenth century, which helped to shape modern literature, language, and culture. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts, along with the principles of literary criticism appropriate to the literature. Texts will be selected from a diverse group of authors and traditions.

**Course Purpose:** English 2332 introduces students to some of the great works of literature from the Ancient World through the Renaissance, which helped to shape modern literature, language, and culture. This course includes the general historical background, as well as the principles of literary criticism appropriate to the literature.

#### Textbooks:

There is no textbook needed for this class, unless students want to purchase a copy of the Shakespeare text that has modern English on one side and Renaissance English on the other. All other texts are pdfs in Bb. **THIS SAVES STUDENTS BETWEEN \$50 - \$100.**

#### Core Curriculum Objectives addressed:

- **Communications skills**—to include effective written, oral and visual communication
- **Critical thinking skills**—to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Social Responsibility**—to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities
- **Personal Responsibility**—to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course students should be able to:

1. Identify key ideas, representative authors and works, significant historical or cultural events, and characteristic perspectives or attitudes expressed in the literature of different periods or regions.
2. Analyze literary works as expressions of individual or communal values within the historical, social, political, cultural, or religious contexts of different literary periods, including a focus on the life and times of the authors.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the development of characteristic forms or styles of expression during different historical periods or in different regions.
4. Articulate the aesthetic principles that guide the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
5. Apply critical thinking to the study of literature and to the writing of analytical essays
6. Demonstrate competent application of the elements of the writing process, including expository, analytical, and argumentative writing, as developed in English 1301 and 1302.
7. Research and write accurately documented, critical papers over assigned readings in clear and grammatically correct prose.

## Grading Policy

Syllabus Quiz	=	50
Discussion Boards 2 @ 25 pts/ea	=	50
Unit 1 Ancient Lit		
3 Study Guides @ 25pts/ea	=	75
1 Paper/Project @ 100pts.	=	100
Unit 2 Old English/Middle English		
3 Study Guides totaling (25 pts/ea )	=	75
Knight Essay	=	100
Unit 3 Renaissance		
2 Study Guides totaling (25 pts/ea)	=	50
Final Exam	=	100

A = 540 - 600 pts.

B = 480 - 539 pts

C = 420 - 479 pts.

D = 360 - 419 pts.

F = 418 and below

### Do not ask for extra credit

**Student Responsibilities:** Students are expected to be responsible for the learning process, including preparation for class, such as reading and homework; participation in class discussions, including asking relevant questions; getting assignments and/or notes if absent; and accepting responsibility for not understanding an assignment or failing an assignment

1. Be responsible for having an appropriate attitude and using appropriate language in academic environments; not use condescending, inflammatory, threatening, or profane rhetoric, whether verbally or in written form, in academic environments
2. Have respectful behavior toward instructor and classmates in order to contribute to the atmosphere necessary for learning
3. Be responsible for writing down all grades and applying them to the grading scale used for the class, which is shown in the course's policy statement/syllabus
4. Submit all assignments in accordance with due dates, formats, and requirements
5. Avoid all forms of cheating and plagiarism on all assignments, including improper collaboration
6. Ask questions when something is unclear.
7. Punctual and regular class attendance is required of all students attending this course through their high school, South Plains College, and the State of Texas. In an internet course, students need to check for announcements on a daily basis during the week. Student should also use the syllabus and the check lists at the beginning of each unit to ensure success in the course. Papers/Projects are due on scheduled dates, regardless of a student's health. **Ten (10) points will be deducted for each day an assignment is turned in late. I will only accept assignments for 2 days after the due date. Once that passes, the score is a 0.**

## Submitting Work

Blackboard has issues with some word processing programs **- Make sure to save your work as a word doc, pdf, rich text format (rtf), or as ppt.** Students need to make sure that each document turned in conforms to MLA standards, and study guides need the questions to be included. A sample document with heading will be included in Week 1. Students should also include their name and the assignment as document title. **Blackboard does not open Google Docs or Pages from a Mac.**

**Communication – Students need to login to the course daily and 1) check their course messages for any contact from me, 2) check on graded work (if a document comes in that I cannot open or is blank, I will put a 0 on the grade which shows up in My Grades and ask you to send me the document in a course message.)**

**If there is something wrong with the document you have turned in or if you turn in a blank document, Do Not send me an email to tell me that you had a problem - send me a COURSE MESSAGE with the document attached immediately.**

**I prefer students to communicate through Course Messages –This puts the student and the work in the course in which it belongs. Emails to the SPC email address MUST specify the course the student is taking from me. With 150+ students, I cannot remember what section a single student is in most days without help.**

### **Technical Information**

All of the work for the class is done through Blackboard (Bb). If a student has technical problems with Bb, the person to contact is Amy Shriver at (806) 716-2962, email [ashriver@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:ashriver@southplainscollege.edu). I cannot fix most issues, so I would recommend choosing another browser. If a student cannot remember his/her user name or passwords, contact (806) 716-2603.

### **Grading Work**

**I try to get all submitted work returned within two weeks of the due date. During the summer, I will grade more quickly since I don't have as many students and only 2 courses.**

\*Most of the study guide questions are worth 1 – 2 pts each. I will not be able to tell you why you got a question wrong on a study guide. Most of the time, the question contains words right out of the reading. Make sure you are working from the pdf provided and not a summary of the work online; read the question carefully and answer that question.

### **Essay/Paper/Project Assessment Guidelines:**

- The “A” essay is perfectly formatted, with three or fewer spelling/wrong word and/or grammatical errors. It also has an excellent title, strong thesis, good transitions, an introduction with a hook, a thoughtful conclusion, and well-supported main points in the body paragraphs. The writing is lively and intelligent; there are no sentence structure errors. If the paper includes sources, they are correctly integrated, cited, and documented in MLA newest edition.
- The “B” essay contains all of the above with one or two more errors.
- The “C” essay has a thesis, introduction, and conclusion, but lacks support and has multiple errors.
- The “D” essay contains one or more of the following problems: lack of a strong thesis, lack of a strong organizational pattern, weak introduction and/or conclusion, formatting errors, multiple spelling and grammatical errors, and/or sentence structure issues (fragments and run-ons).
- The “F” essay does not meet the minimum requirements for a sophomore-level essay assignment. Some examples of “F” essays are 1) those written on a topic that has not been approved; 2) those that do not meet the minimum word count; or 3) those that are not written in the required format.

### **Plagiarism and Cheating**

**Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy will result in an F for the assignment and can result in an F for the course if circumstances warrant it.**

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following

1) Turning in a paper which has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill;

**2) THIS INCLUDES THE USE OF ANY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) TO ASSIST OR WRITE ANY ESSAYS OR DISCUSSION BOARDS POSTS.**

3) Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;

4) Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations; or

5) Giving a footnote only at the end of a paragraph, even if the paragraph is completely paraphrased from one source.

### **Cheating**

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1) Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion,

2) Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;

- 3) Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, Internet) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
- 4) Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage;
- 5) Taking an examination for another;
- 6) Altering grade records; or
- 7) Copying another's work during an examination, or on a homework assignment.
- 8) If your study guide has the same misspelled words as another student's, I will give both students 0s for the copying.

**Student Code of Conduct Policy:** Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

**For Policy statements about the following topics, students can go to**  
<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/> for the official SPC policies.

Artificial Intelligence Statement  
 COVID-19  
 Campus Concealed Carry Statement  
 Disabilities Statement  
 Intellectual Exchange Statement  
 Non-Discrimination Statement  
 Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement CARE

### ENGLISH 2332 Course Outline

**Don't ask when stuff is due – that is why there is a syllabus and Bb Ultra is divided into unit chunks on the Course Content menu button. Everything in the unit can be found in that unit's folder. Unless otherwise specified, all items are due by midnight in Bb**

#### Unit 1 Ancient Literature

##### HELP VIDEOS FOR BLACKBOARD ULTRA LINK

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKjBxIe\\_138&list=PLontYaReEU1vndBOA5qA-u\\_Gwyh9xk8U3&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKjBxIe_138&list=PLontYaReEU1vndBOA5qA-u_Gwyh9xk8U3&index=1)

#### **Week 1 June 2 - 8**

- 1) Login to Blackboard – PRINT A COPY OF THE SYLLABUS FOR YOUR RECORDS!
- 2) **Complete Discussion #1** \*– (Introduce yourself to the class) by Tuesday June 3rd
- 3) **Take the syllabus quiz** by Thursday 6/5 by midnight (it will open at 8 am and close at midnight (you have 60 mins to complete the quiz)

#### **Ancient Literature**

- 4) Look over the Ancient Literature Project in the folder
- 5) Read Greek Drama background and the drama of *Medea*
- 6) Complete Greek Drama Background Study Guide by **Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> submit to Bb by midnight**

#### **Week 2 June 9 - 15**

- 1) Work on Ancient Literature Project
- 2) Finish *Medea* and complete the study guide by **Monday June 9 submit to Bb by midnight**
- 3) Read Greek Comedy Background and *Lysistrata*
- 4) Submit the Background and *Lysistrata* **Study Guide (these are combined)** by **Thursday June 12 to Bb by midnight**
- 5) Submit Ancient Literature Project **Sunday June 15 to Bb by midnight**

#### **Week 3 June 16 - 22**

##### **Old & Middle English Unit**

- 1) Read Marie de France "Bisclavret" and Laustic
- 2) Submit Marie de France study guide by **Tuesday June 17 by midnight**
- 3) Read Part 1, Summaries of Parts 2 & 3, and Part 4 of *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*
- 4) Look over 21<sup>st</sup> Century Knight essay assignment; begin drafting
- 5) Submit SGATGK study guide by **Thursday June 19 by midnight**
- 6) Start reading *The Prologue to the Canterbury Tales*

7) Turn in the *Canterbury Tales* study guide **by Sunday June 22 to Bb by midnight**

**Week 4 June 23 - 29**

- 1) Submit Finished 21<sup>st</sup> Century Knight Essay **Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup> to Bb by midnight**
- 2) Start **Renaissance Unit**
- 3) Read Renaissance Drama background, submit study guide **Thursday June 26 to Bb by midnight**
- 4) Read *Much Ado About Nothing*
- 5) Submit MAAN study guide **Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> to Bb by midnight**
- 6) Complete Final Discussion Board by Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> in Bb by midnight

Week 5 June 30 – July 1<sup>st</sup>

- 1) **Take Final exam between 8 am and 8 pm on Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>** – you will only have 60 mins. to complete this exam