
EH 208-- Readings in Literature and Culture II

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Office Hrs: M/W: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & by appointment.

Catalog Description

This course is a critical analysis of texts from the Age of Discovery through the present. The course introduces students to the methods of literary study through an examination of works in their social, historical, and philosophical contexts. Prerequisites: EH 101; EH 102. 3 Credit hours.

Course Description

In this survey course, students will read poetry, nonfiction and fiction by writers from around the world, beginning in the 17th century with the Enlightenment, and ending in the 20th century with Postwar, Postmodern, and Postcolonial Literature. In addition, students will view one film by acclaimed filmmaker Charles Chaplin that brilliantly satirizes the political and social concerns of the World War II era. To better understand literature from this expansive period, students will read a variety of texts, including classics and less widely known, but nevertheless significant works. Class discussion will examine various ways that these writers' texts represent their personal philosophies, their historical time period, and their countries of origin. We will also explore how these texts are relevant for today's 21st century readers.

Required Text

The Norton Anthology of World Literature: Volumes D, E, F., 3rd edition.

ISBN: 978-0-393-91334-7; 978-0-393-91332-3; 978-0-393-9133-0.

Requirements and Assignments

- Class Participation: 5% of your grade
- Ten reading Journals: 10% of your grade
- Ten reading quizzes: 10% of your grade
- One take home essay: 10% of your grade
- Midterm exam: 30% of your grade
- Final exam: 35% of your grade

Attendance and Participation

- I expect a close familiarity with all of the assigned readings. Be prepared to actively engage in class discussions.
- If you miss more than 20% of our scheduled classes (7 or more) your participation grade will be negatively affected and you will risk failing the course.
- No late assignments will be accepted.
- Students should not miss class on a scheduled quiz date. If you know you must miss a quiz, you must schedule to take the quiz in advance.
- Journal assignments must be turned in on their due dates.
- Cell phones and laptop computers are not permitted in class without the instructor's permission.

Directed Journal Responses

To help students process the materials for this course, they are asked to keep a journal. Students will be given directed topics based on the course assignments to address in their journals. I define a journal entry as five to ten minutes of writing by hand or on computer, totaling

approximately two full pages in length. This writing should respond directly to the readings, assignments and discussions for this course and the feelings that the material evokes. Students may want to make connections between the texts, or between the texts and their own experience. The grading of the journal is not based on grammar or organization, but on how fully the student has used it to explore reading and writing assignments. Each journal entry must be turned in on the date indicated on the course calendar and be written in ink. No late journals entries will be accepted. There is one bonus journal that the student may write if a regularly assigned journal is missed. This bonus journal grade can also be used to replace a quiz grade.

Reading Quizzes

Students will be asked to write a 1-2 page response to the reading assignment for the day. Basic reading comprehension will be assessed. The teacher will post a prompt and the student will have approximately 15 minutes to respond to the topic. Students will be given 10 quizzes and will be allowed to replace a quiz grade with the bonus journal assignment. If the student knows he or she will be absent on a quiz date, arrangements should be made with the instructor to take the quiz in advance, or to make the missed quiz the grade that is dropped.

Take-home Essay

This assignment requires the student to write a three to five-page essay (12 point font, double spaced) that demonstrates critical thinking, critical reading, and effective writing skills. Assignment description, essay topics, and grading guidelines will be provided. The essay will be due the last full week of classes. This essay is not a research project. Rather, students must cite course material both directly and indirectly, analyze individual texts, and draw thematic connections between the texts they have studied throughout the semester. This essay should be cumulative, and draw upon materials from all three volumes of our course textbook. Correct MLA citation (including the use of parenthetical documentation) is required.

Midterm Exam and Final Exam

Each exam will require students to analyze individual texts and draw thematic connections between the texts they have studied in each volume of our three-volume textbook studied this semester. Each exam will have objective test questions, short essay responses, and one essay in which students are expected to demonstrate critical thinking and reading skills, and to write effectively. Each exam will be worth 30% of your grade, for a total of 60% of your course grade total.

Religious Observance Absence Policy

Students who anticipate the necessity of being absent from class due to the observation of a major religious observance must provide notice of the date(s) to the instructor, in writing, by the end of the first week of classes.

Disability

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any student with a disability is encouraged to meet with me privately during the first two weeks of class to discuss accommodations. Each student must bring a current Memorandum of Accommodations from the Office of Student Disability Services, which is prerequisite for receiving accommodations.

Academic Dishonesty and Disruption of Academic Process

Students attending UAH are awarded degrees in recognition of successful completion of coursework in their chosen fields of study. Each student is expected to earn his/her degree on the basis of personal effort. Consequently, any form of cheating on examinations or plagiarism of any kind constitutes unacceptable deceit and dishonesty. Disruption of the classroom or teaching environment is also unacceptable. This cannot be tolerated in the UAH community and will be

punishable, according to the seriousness of the offense. After a personal discussion of suspected dishonesty or behavioral misconduct with the student, I will report any incident of academic dishonesty or disruption of academic progress to the Office of Student Affairs. This report will remain on the student's record throughout his/her academic career.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is defined as "literary theft" and consists of the unattributed quotation of the exact words of a published text, or the unattributed borrowing of original ideas by paraphrase from a published text. On written papers for which the student employs information gathered from books, articles, web sites, or oral sources, each direct quotation, as well as ideas and facts that are not generally known to the public, or the form, structure, or style of a secondary source must be attributed to its author by means of the appropriate citation procedure. Only widely known facts and firsthand thoughts and observations made by the student do not require citations. Plagiarism also consists of passing off as one's own segments or the total of another person's work. Students may not turn in work for this course that has been previously submitted in any other course. Plagiarism is a serious offense and will result in failure (with a grade of 0) of the plagiarized essay, and possible failure of the course. UAH is committed to the fundamental values of preserving academic honesty as defined in the Student Handbook (7.III.A). Students' assignments will be subject for textual similarity review on online databases, such as Turnitin.com. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin.com service, as well as additional information about the company, are described at www.uah.edu/library/turnitin.

Grading System

The grading system is as follows:

97 - 100	A+	93 - 97	A	90 - 93	A-	
87 - 90	B+	84 - 87	B	80 - 84	B-	
77 - 80	C+	74 - 77	C	70 - 74	C-	
67 - 70	D+	64 - 67	D	61 - 64	D-	0 - 61 F

Writing Center

UAH has an excellent tutoring center designed to assist students with the writing of their papers. Consultants work with students to help them through any stage of the writing process, from generating ideas to formatting issues. If you choose to visit the Student Success Center, make your appointment online through the UAH webpage. Go to the Student Success Center link, click on "tutoring," and make sure to indicate you are seeking writing assistance.

Use of Prior Work

Students may not submit in fulfillment of requirements in this course any work submitted, presented, or used in any other course, including previous sections of EH 208.

Withdrawal

October 28 is the last day to withdraw. Do not simply stop coming to class, for you will still be registered as an active student.