

Oxford College of Emory University
Oxford Studies 100R
1 Credit Hour
Syllabus Spring 2013

Course

Oxford Studies is a one-hour, elective, interdisciplinary course. Through attendance, participation, and written reflection, the course encourages thoughtful involvement in the rich cultural and educational activities available in our community beyond the traditional confines of the classroom. Oxford Studies supports the College's efforts to promote engagement with the arts and with intellectual issues of shared interest.

Oxford Studies is an academic course. The Honor Code applies to your written work and event attendance. It is an offense to falsify attendance, attempt to enter late or leave an event prior to conclusion, or employ deceit in regard to your grade in any way. You must follow the regulations in this syllabus in order to earn credit for your work.

Faculty: Archetto (Chair), Doherty, Harmon, Leinweber, Lemons, Pohl, Powell, Riner, Segre

Administrator: Shrader

Critiques

Critiques are written on events you attend during the designated time periods outlined below. Only one critique per time period is accepted. Critiques must be 600-700 words in length and include a brief description of the event as well as your original thoughtful analysis of its quality, value, significance, and place in our culture. Unity, coherence, organization, and correct grammar are expected. Critiques containing mostly summary or personal reminiscences will require revision. Critiques containing phrases or sentences that are identical in whole or in part to those in another critique will not earn credit.

*A faculty reader may issue an unsatisfactory grade and deny you an opportunity to rewrite if the original paper does not meet the requirements for event date, word count, deadline, and content. Sample critiques will be made available on Blackboard.

*Your full name as it appears on the class roll, your ID number, the critique number, and an accurate word count must appear on the upper right of your document

*The title of the event, the date you attended, and the venue must be stated clearly in the first paragraph.

*If you are asked to rewrite, you have one opportunity to do so and you must submit your critique by the rewrite deadline.

*There is no “make-up” work for any event or critique for any reason. If all events in a given critique period are missed, the work of that critique period cannot be “made-up.”

*No credit will be given for attendance at non-Oxford events.

*All work in Oxford Studies is done under the College Honor Code. Plagiarism is an Honor Code offense. If an outside source is used, you need to cite your source. This includes the use of event program notes.

Critique Submission

Your critiques may be submitted at any time within the prescribed period for each critique. The final deadline for each critique is absolute. No extensions will be granted unless the Oxford Studies Chair receives notification from the Office of Academic Affairs of your documented absence or illness, and such extensions may be granted at the discretion of the Oxford Studies Faculty. A request for an extension received more than one week after a deadline will not be granted.

Your critique document must be written in Microsoft Word format submitted on Blackboard as an attached file.

To submit a critique:

[Current Students > Blackboard > Login > OXST_OX100R: Oxford Studies – Spring 2013 > SUBMIT Critiques](#)

If you have any technical question or any other problem while submitting your critique, you must contact Administrator Melissa Shrader (melissa.shrader@emory.edu) by e-mail before the deadline. E-mails about submission issues sent after the deadline will not receive a response.

***Always keep a back up copy of your critique and also keep a copy of the Blackboard screen indicating that you have successfully submitted your critique.**

A Critique may be graded as "S", "U", or "RW". "S" means that the critique is satisfactory and will receive credit. "U" means that the critique is not satisfactory and may not be rewritten. "RW" means you have an opportunity to rewrite and resubmit your critique to Blackboard. It is your responsibility to check Blackboard after each critique deadline to determine whether or not you have an opportunity to rewrite your critique. Faculty readers will not send personal emails. Comments by faculty readers regarding your critique will be posted on Blackboard.

LearnLink Conference and Course Communications

Frequent reading of the Oxford Studies Learnlink Class Conference and the Blackboard website are required. These are your only sources for important course information. It is your responsibility to check the Learnlink conference and the Blackboard website frequently and know the contents. **Event changes** and other information critical to your success in Oxford Studies **will be posted on the Learnlink conference:**

[Learnlink > Oxford College > Class Conferences > Oxford Studies](#)

Information about your attendance credits, critiques, and grades will be posted on the Oxford Studies Blackboard website:

[Current Students > Blackboard > Login > OXST_OX100R: Oxford Studies – Spring 2013](#)

Critique Deadlines

Critique 1 Deadline: Friday, February 22 at 12 noon.

Critique 1 must be written on an event attended from January 29 through February 21.

Critique 1 to be graded by Friday, March 1

Rewrite Deadline: Friday, March 8 at 12:00 noon

Critique 2 Deadline: Wednesday, March 20 at 12 noon.

Critique 2 must be written on an event attended from February 25 through March 19.

Critique 2 to be graded by Wednesday, March 27

Rewrite Deadline: Wednesday, April 3 at 12:00 noon

Critique 3 Deadline: Monday, April 22 at 12 noon.

Critique 3 must be written on an event attended from March 28 through April 19.

Critique 3 to be graded by Monday, April 29.

Rewrite Deadline: Monday, May 6 at 12:00 noon

Questions or Concerns

Questions or concerns of a general nature should be posted to the Learnlink Class Conference. If you have concerns of a confidential nature, send an e-mail to Ms. Melissa Shrader (melissa.shrader@emory.edu.) Always send e-mail; calls and walk-ins will not receive a response. Most Oxford Studies issues can be handled with an e-mail, but, if a meeting is necessary, first e-mail to make an appointment.

Grade Requirements

- A You must attend six events and write three satisfactory critiques**
- B You must attend five events and write two satisfactory critiques**
- C You must attend four events and write two satisfactory critiques**
- D You must attend three events and write one satisfactory critique**

Plus and minus grade are not awarded.

Other Attendance Options

Oxford Performance Credit: Three attendance credits and one critique credit may be awarded by Dr. Lemons, Ms. Doherty, or Dr. Archetto to students who perform under their direction in the Spring Play, Spring Dance Performance, or Music Department Performances.

No credit will be given for non-Oxford events.

Attendance and Records

*Your Emory ID card is required to enter each event. A ticket with your full name as it appears on the class roll and your ID number printed legibly is required for admission and for attendance credit. Tickets are available thirty minutes before each event at the event venue.

*Books, bags, backpacks, laptops, electronic equipment, study material, food, and drink are not permitted in event halls. Appropriate dress is expected at all events.

*Late arrivals and early departures will not earn attendance credit. There is no approved reason to arrive late or leave an event early.

*You must check your Oxford Studies record on Blackboard frequently. It takes time to enter critique and attendance credit, sometimes as long as several days

If you have any question about your posted record for an event or critique you must submit your question to the Oxford Studies Class Conference on Learnlink no later than two weeks after the event or the critique deadline. The Oxford Studies Chair or Administrator will respond to your e-mail. If your question is confidential, send your e-mail to Administrator Melissa Shrader (melissa.shrader@emory.edu)