# SYLLABUS

**COURSE NAME** **World Literature before 1660**

**CODE** **ENG 2205**

**CLASS MEETING TIME**

**WORTH** 3 credits

**PREREQUISITE** ENG 1102

**INSTRUCTOR**

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- To introduce students to various masterpieces of world literature
- To examine literary works that have become the cornerstones of the world's major literary traditions
- To enrich students' cultural understanding by bringing them into contact with great literary works created in different socio-cultural contexts.

**STUDENT EVALUATION**

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| **Midterm** | **30%** |
| **Final Exam** | **30%** |
| **Attendance** | **10%** |
| **Quizzes** | **20%** |
| **Participation** | **10%** |

**GRADING SCALE**

| Grade | Description | Credit | Grade points per hour of credit |
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| A | Excellent | Yes | 4 |
| B | Above Average | Yes | 3 |
| C | Average | Yes | 2 |
| D | Below Average | Yes | 1 |
| F | Failure | No | 0 |

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| FA | Failure due to excessive absences | No | 0 |
| INC | Incomplete | No | 0 |
| NG | No Grade Reported | No | 0 |
| P | Pass | Yes | 0 |

## REQUIRED TEXTS

- Puchner, Martin, gen. ed. The Norton Anthology of World Literature. 3rd ed. Vol. A, B, &C. New York: Norton, 2012. Print.
- Supplementary readings.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- **NAWL = Norton Anthology of World Literature**

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| **Lecture 1** | • Introduction<br>• Review of syllabus<br>• Review of literary terms |
| **Lecture 2** | • *Gilgamesh,* NAWL, Vol. A, pp. *95-170* |
| **Lecture 3** | • The Hebrew Bible, NAWL, Vol. A, pp. 151-221<br>• Homer, *The Iliad*, NAWL, Vol. A, pp. 222-331 |
| **Lecture 4** | • *The Odyssey*, NAWL, Vol. A, pp. 332-622 |
| **Lecture 5** | • Aeschylus, from *The Persians*, NAWL, Vol. A, pp. 925-931<br>• Confucius, from *The Analects,* NAWL, Vol. A, pp. 1330-1344. |
| **Lecture 6** | • Sophocles, *Oedipus the King*, NAWL, Vol. A. pp. 701-747<br>• *Zhuangzi*, "Free and Easy Wandering", NAWL, Vol. A, 1374-1380. |
| **Lecture 7** | • Euripides, *Medea*, NAWL, Vol. A, pp. 783-822<br>• Aristophanes, *Lysistrata*, NAWL, Vol. A, pp. 823-862 |

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| **Lecture 8** | • **Midterm Exam** |
| **Lecture 9** | • Ovid, *Metamorphoses*, NAWL, Vol. A, pp. 1073-1115<br>• The Bible: *The New Testament*, NAWL, Vol. B, pp. 18-33<br>• The Bible: *The New Testament (handout)* |
| **Lecture 10** | • *Beowulf*, NAWL, Vol. B, pp. *107-182*<br>• *Dante, Inferno*, NAWL, Vol. B, pp. 387-511 |
| **Lecture 11** | • Chaucer, *The Canterbury Tales*, NAWL, Vol. B, pp. 657-713<br>• Petrarch, Sonnets, NAWL, Vol. C, pp. 164-171<br>• Shakespeare, Sonnets (handout) |
| **Lecture 12** | • Machiavelli, from *The Prince*, NAWL, Vol. C, pp. 180-191<br>• Thomas More, *Utopia*, NAWL, Vol. C, pp. 207-269 |
| **Lecture 13** | • Shakespeare, *Hamlet, NAWL, Vol. C, pp. 652-751* |
| **Lecture 14** | • Cervantes, from *Don Quixote*, NAWL, Vol. C, pp. *381-509*<br>• Review for Final Exam |
| **Lecture 15** | **Final Exam** |

**ABSENCES:** The following is the official policy of Troy State University as written in the Undergraduate *Bulletin.*

"In registering for classes at the University, undergraduate students accept responsibility for attending scheduled class meetings, completing assignments on time, and contributing to class discussions and the exploration of ideas.

"A student will be excused if he/she has been absent from a class by reason of circumstances beyond his/her control or if the student has been required to attend an activity sponsored by the University. Faculty members who sponsor activities that require class absences must send a list of student names to each faculty member concerned at least three days before the scheduled absence.

"Faculty members may levy academic penalties upon unexcused absences; however, such penalties for unexcused absences will be a part of each course syllabus and will be distributed to each class at the beginning of each term, a copy filed in the departmental office."

For all sections, each student is to be in class and prepared for class each scheduled class day. A student whose absence is not warranted by an official excuse or by a doctor's written statement will receive a grade of zero for work due in class and for all work done in class on the day of the absence.

Your attendance and participation in class are essential for a complete learning experience. The type of learning that takes place between you, your instructor, and your classmates cannot be acquired on an individual basis. This class meets only one day per week, and much information must be covered to help you maximize your potential for success at Troy University and in life after the University. **Therefore, IF YOU MISS MORE THAN TWO CLASSES—EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED—YOU WILL RECEIVE A FAILING GRADE FOR THE COURSE.**

**INCOMPLETE WORK**: A student who has not prepared the entire class assignment for a given day will receive a grade of zero for class work on that day.

**LATE WORK:** Only those students who have been excused from class may hand in work late, and they must hand in all assigned work within on week from the last day of the excused absence.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:** Academic dishonesty is not accepted in this course. Cheating on a map quiz will result in a deduction of 10 points from your overall assessment. Cheating on an exam or handing in plagiarized materials will result in an automatic failing grade for the course.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** Any student whose disabilities fall within ADA must inform the instructor at the beginning of the term of any special needs or equipment necessary to accomplish the requirements for this course.

**THIS SYLLABUS IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.** The instructor may make changes if deemed necessary. Changes will be announced in class.