# The College of the Humanities, Humanities Program

**HUMS 3200:** A History of European and British Literature: Major Works of the Renaissance and their Cultural Legacies

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# **Course Description:**

In this course we will study major works in prose, poetry and drama in order to trace patterns of influence and generic developments. We will be reading for meaning, language, and literary structures. Thematic concerns include leadership, nationalism, and gendered ideas of virtue. These cohere in the eighteenth century into the emergence of the ideal of the individual and studying them will help us to understand how literature helps to shape popular culture and a society's understanding of itself.

#### **Texts**

Norton Anthology of English Literature  $8^{th}$  edn vol B The Sixteenth Century/The Early Seventeenth Century

Petrarch, Selections from the Canzoniere and Other Works

More, Utopia

Ariosto, Orlando Furioso

Term 2-Winter (open to discussion)

William Wycherley, Way of the World

Cervantes Don Quixote

Aphra Behn Oroonoko

Laurence Sterne A Sentimental Journey

Horace Walpole Castle of Otranto

Ann Radcliffe The Italian

Jane Austen, Sense and Sensibility

## **Evaluation**

20% Essay 1

20% Essay 2

20% Midterm

30% Final Exam

10% Attendance and Participation

## **Late Penalties/Missed Assignments**

If you participate in in-class essay workshops you may take two extra days to complete your essay.

Late papers are subject to a 2% penalty per day late.

A detailed outline of topics and breakdown by week will be handed to you later.

## REGULATIONS COMMON TO ALL HUMANITIES COURSES

#### COPIES OF WRITTEN WORK SUBMITTED

Always retain for yourself a copy of all essays, term papers, written assignments or take-home tests submitted in your courses.

#### PLAGIARISM

The University Senate defines plagiarism as "presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one's own." This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else's published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one's own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another's data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another's works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in "substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs."

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course's instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They range from a mark of zero for the plagiarized work to a final grade of "F" for the course, and even suspension from all studies or expulsion from the University.

## GRADING SYSTEM

Letter grades assigned in this course will have the following percentage equivalents:

A+ = 90-100 (12)	B+=77-79(9)	C+ = 67-69 (6)
A = 85-89(11)	B = 73-76 (8)	C = 63-66(5)
A - = 80-84 (10)	B - = 70-72(7)	C - = 60-62(4)
D+ = 57-59(3)	D = 53-56(2)	D - = 50-52(1)

F Failure. No academic credit
WDN Withdrawn from the course
ABS Absent from the final examination
DEF Official deferral (see "Petitions to Defer")

FND Failure with no deferred exam allowed -- assigned only when the student has failed the course on the basis of inadequate term work as specified in the course outline.

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean.

## WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT ACADEMIC PENALTY

The last date to withdraw from Fall term courses is November 16, 2009. The last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter (full year) and Winter term courses is March 12, 2010.

## REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

**Pregnancy obligation:** write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/student\_guide.htm">http://www.carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/student\_guide.htm</a>

**Religious obligation:** write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/student\_guide.htm">http://www.carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/student\_guide.htm</a>

Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Documented disabilities could include but are not limited to mobility/physical impairments, specific Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/psychological disabilities, sensory disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and chronic medical conditions. Registered PMC students are required to contact the PMC, 613-520-6608, every term to ensure that I receive your Letter of Accommodation, no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you only require accommodations for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodations to PMC by the last official day to withdraw from classes in each term. For more details visit the PMC website: http://www.carleton.ca/pmc/students/acad\_accom.html

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <a href="http://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation">http://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation</a>

## PETITIONS TO DEFER

Students unable to complete a <u>final</u> term paper or write a <u>final</u> examination because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control or whose performance on an examination has been impaired by such circumstances may apply in writing within five working days to the Registrar's Office for permission to extend a term paper deadline or to write a deferred examination. The request must be fully and specifically supported by a medical certificate or other relevant documentation. Only deferral petitions submitted to the Registrar's Office will be considered.

## ADDRESSES: (Area Code 613)

College of the Humanities 520-2809
Classics and Religion Office 520-2100
Registrar's Office 520-3500
Student Academic Success Centre 520-7850
Paul Menton Centre 520-6608
Writing Tutorial Service 520-6632
Learning Commons 520-1125

300 Paterson
2A39 Paterson
300 Tory
302 Tory
500 Unicentre
4<sup>th</sup> floor Library
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