

Course Description:

This course aims to provide students with a solid introduction to some of the key issues and debates surrounding thinking about the arts in general, and literature in particular, from Plato up to the early twentieth century. Thus, while the course readings trace something of a

Week 12 Cleanth Brooks, ; T.S. Eliot,

Week 13 W.K. Wimsatt & Monroe Beardsley,  
; Virginia Woolf,

In Class Test	Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> . February 2015	20%
Essay (2,000-2,500 words)	Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> . 2015	30%
Participation		15%
Exam	TBA	35%

Office: HUC-A302

Second Term Office Hours: Tuesdays, 11:30 to 12:20; Thursdays, 13:30 to 14:20; and by appointment.

A Note on the Purpose of Office Hours: office hours are an opportunity for informed discussion outside class time.

What I expect of you:

to have read, thought about, researched and have some views about, the issue in hand.

What you should expect of me:

to help you develop the ideas you already have; to help you look at things in alternative ways; to make you aware of anything that is relevant that you may not have come upon in the research you have already done.

become a co-author of your work while, at the same time, discouraging you from independent, capable thought. What I can do is help you think more carefully about what you already have in mind, help you see what you do and do not know, what you intend to argue and what evidence you have to support your contentions.

Also, the office hour is a 15 minute appointment. If you leave it to the last minute before an assignment is due to come to an Office Hour, there is no guarantee that others in the class have been any better organized than you and so there may be no available time. Plan accordingly.

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A Note about email: I strongly encourage you to come to speak with me during Office Hours rather than sending me emails. You are at university to learn how to think. Emails will not help you do that. While you attend university, you have access to many able, educated people. It is not always so in life. Take advantage of the access you have to these educated people: choose discussion, not email.

N.B. Department of English regulations require that students independently pass both the term assignments and the final examination in order to pass the course. Accordingly, only those students whose cumulative grade for their term assignments is 50% or better will be eligible to sit the final examination.

#### Late Submissions

Essays are due on the date specified above. Late essays will be penalized 2% (including weekends). Late essays receive a grade but no comments. Essays submitted more