

Department of English & Writing Studies

ENGL 2310E- Global Literatures in English Survey
Fall/Winter 2015-16

WRITING

This is an essay course and good writing skills are crucial to passing this course. We will devote time to learning the mechanics of writing essays on close readings of literary texts. We will also learn the basic components of the MLA citation style. Should students have any problems with the mechanics of university writing, they can avail themselves of the Writing Support Centre at the Student Development Centre (SDC) in the University Community Centre (UCC). Information about the SDC services can be found at <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/writing/>.

DOCUMENTATION

All papers must follow the Modern Language Association (MLA) documentation style. At its most basic, this implies that page numbers appears in parentheses after each citation and there is a Works Cited list at the end of the paper. The Department of English provides an overview of the MLA style. Students can use the "Guidelines for Properly Citing Sources" at: <https://instruct.uwo.ca/english/234e/site/essygdlns.html#Thesis>.

ESSAY SUBMISSION

All assignments are due in class on the due date before class begins! Students must keep an extra hard copy of submitted written assignments. Students must also retain all copies of graded work until the final grades for this course are available. If students are unable to come to class, essays may be placed in the drop-box outside of the Department of English office (AHB 2G02). Such assignments will be considered submitted on the date the office staff retrieve them from the drop-box. Please do not email or fax assignments to the Professor or Teaching Assistants.

LATE SUBMISSIONS

Requests for extensions must be made in writing before the due date. Requests for extension can be sent to the Teaching Assistants or the Professor. Unapproved late submissions will be penalized 5% for each late day including Saturdays and Sundays. No assignment will be accepted ten days beyond the due date.

SCHOLASTIC OFFENSES (ESPECIALLY PLAGIARISM)

The Department of English takes academic offenses seriously. All students signing up for this course are expected to familiarize themselves with the definitions of plagiarism, cheating, and all forms of academic fraud as defined in the UWO Academic Handbook.

ABSENTEEISM

Excessive absenteeism is grounds for barring a student from taking the final examination. The Academic Calendar states: "Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course, will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course".

CLASSROOM CONDUCT

All students are required to conduct themselves in a manner that promotes an effective learning environment and according to Western University rules and regulations on classroom behavior. Since this is a large class, our discussions will work best when everyone gets a chance to participate. The best comments tend to be pertinent to readings/discussions and offer insight into the ongoing inquiry. The most helpful questions also tend to be focused. It is sometimes better to avoid long comments or anecdotes that offer no specific insights.

Students are allowed to use laptops in the classroom to take notes on the lectures and discussions. They are NOT allowed to surf the Web, or engage in activities on social media sites such as Facebook or Twitter during class. Students who contravene this rule may expect to have their laptops banned or be asked to leave lectures. Should there be rampant abuse of this laptop rule, the Professor may ban all laptops from the classroom. Students are asked to SWITCH OFF ALL WIRELESS TRANSMISSION DEVICES. Students may not FILM, PHOTOGRAPH or RECORD the Professor or Teaching Assistants in any way without first asking and receiving permission. Such requests should be submitted by email. Students may not chat with each other while the Professor or Teaching Assistants are addressing the class.

COMMUNICATION

We shall use several lines of communication throughout the course. Students may send the Professor and Teaching Assistants emails regarding any course related issues they would like to discuss, but please allow a window of at least 24 hours—excluding Saturdays and Sundays—for a response to emails. Students are also encouraged to come to office hours.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2015-16 ACADEMIC YEAR

Classes Begin: Thursday, September 10, 2015.
Thanksgiving Holiday: Monday, October 12, 2015.
Fall Study Break: Thursday, October 29 & Friday, October 30, 2015.
Fall Term Classes End: Wednesday December 9, 2015.
Final Due Date for First Term Half-Course Assignments.
Study Day: Thursday, December 10.
Mid-Year Examination: Friday, December 11-Tuesday, December 22, 2015.
Classes Resume: Monday, January 4, 2016.
Family Day: Monday, February 15, 2016.
Reading Week: Monday, February 15-Friday, February 19, 2016.
Good Friday: Friday, March 25, 2016.
Easter Sunday: Sunday, March 27, 2016.
Winter Term Classes End: Wednesday, April 6, 2016.
Final Due Date for all Course Assignments.
Study Days: Thursday, April 7 & Friday, April 8, 2016.
Final Examination Period: Saturday, April 9-Saturday, April 30, 2016.
The official Undergraduate Sessional Dates can also be found at: <http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2015/pg7.html>.