

Department of English & Writing Studies

English 1020E (002)
Understanding Literature Today
Fall/Winter 2023-24

Prerequisites : Grade 12U English or permission of the Department. For part time students who have been admitted without the OSSD, this permission will be granted as a matter of course.

Antirequisites: English 1022E, English 1035E.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Course Description

Course Materials

Required Books :

All four of these books are required in paper (not digital) copies. You are encouraged to make notes in your copies as you read and during class. You will need these books for the open -book final exam.

The Broadview

Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*
Edited by: Robert P. Irvine. Broadview 2020.
ISBN: 9781554814893 / 1554814898

Billy-Ray Belcourt, *A History of my Brief Body*
Penguin Canada 2021

Accommodation Policies

Accommodation for Students with Disabilities :

Students with disabilities work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#).

Accommodation for Students on Medical Grounds:

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth (either alone or in combination) 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department.

Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Office of the Dean of the student's Faculty of registration, together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. The Student Medical Certificate (SMC) can be found at https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf.

The full policy is set out here:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

Religious Accommodation:

Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the [Western Multicultural Calendar](#).

Academic Integrity Tutorial

All students are required to enroll in and complete the Centre for Teaching and Learning's Academic Integrity Tutorial. To access the tutorial, you must log on to OWL and join the Academic Integrity site in order to access the tutorial ([OWL](#) > Membership > Joinable Sites > [Academic Integrity Tutorial](#) > Join). Once the tutorial has been completed, you will receive a downloadable certificate. You must upload the certificate and submit it through the course Assignments tab in order to complete this assignment. The tutorial must be completed by Friday in the second week of fall term. This tutorial is mandatory in order for you to complete and pass the course. If you have completed the tutorial already for another course, you may upload the same certificate for this course; you do not need to repeat the tutorial.

Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Plagiarism :

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

Plagiarism includes the submission of material generated by artificial intelligence programs or

Mar. 19: Frank Bidart, "Half-Light" (328)

Mar. 21: Dionne Brand, from *thirsty* 30, 32 (382-83)

Mar. 26: (Quiz 4) From Billy-Ray Belcourt, *A History of my Brief Body*, pp. 1-6; 27-37; 39-40; 85-98.

Mar. 28: *A History of my Brief Body*, pp. 125-61.

Apr. 2: *A History of my Brief Body*.

Apr. 4: Conclusions & review. Essay 4 due; 2500 words.

There will be a 3-hour exam during the regular exam period. You will be allowed to bring the assigned books for the course into the exam.