

Department of English & Writing Studies

English 2200F (001)
History of Theory and Criticism
Fall 2023

Antirequisites: English 2235A/B, English 1028E/F/G

_____, _____, or permission of the Department.

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

An introduction to important issues in the history of literary criticism and theory from Plato to the twentieth century.

Course Materials

Required Texts:

photocopying, and so on.

Methods of Evaluation

Assignments:

In-class test: 10%

In-class test 2: 15%

Essay 1 (1500 words) 20%

Response papers/course. Secondary research is required (at least 2 materials –

Response papers: These are short (about 350 words) commentaries on a theorist and the class discussions that accompanied the lecture on that theorist. You will e-mail these to me before the due dates. In the unfortunate but unlikely event of a discussion-free lecture, you may focus on the text. A good response paper will be intelligent, lively, and informal, and **will incorporate a discussion of other students' responses in class**. Individual response papers may be discussed in class, especially if they are original and/or well-written.

Final Exam: A combination of short-answer and essay questions. The exam will be cumulative and will be written during the exam period (date, time and location TBA).

Note on lectures: Given the amount of material we will be covering, students are advised to read the texts ahead of the lecture.

Support Services

Registrarial Services <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

Student Support Services <https://student.uwo.ca/psp/heprdweb/?cmd=login>

Services provided by the USC <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Academic Support & Engagement <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to MentalHealth@Western:
<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Timetable

Weekly Schedule: (page numbers will be specified before the course begins)

Sep 7	Overview, Plato
Sep 12, 14 Sep	Plato and Aristotle