

Department of English & Writing Studies

**Canadian Literature Survey**

**English 2501E (001)**

Fall/Winter 2023-24

**NOTE: New text substituted for text currently not available (for winter term reading)**

**Antirequisites:** [English 2354E](#), [English 2356F/G](#) and [English 3774E](#).

**Prerequisites:** At least 60% in 1.0 of English 1020-1999 or permission of the Department.

- **improve** and **develop** writing skills through frequent, short written analyses and the longer research essay;
- **scrutinize** your own writing for accuracy, brevity, and clarity of style;
- **conduct research** in Western Libraries information ecosystem;
- **prepare a bibliography** in the most recent MLA (Modern Language Association) format



**25% Comprehensive Final Examination**

This course is worth 1.0 credits; the final examination ensures both *broad knowledge* of readings and ideas from fall and winter study and *depth of engagement* with materials studied across both terms. You will be thankful at exam time for all those Study Questions all year and for the RATS! Regular attention to the Study Questions and completing the RATS *really will help you to learn and remember* the course materials.

Parameters for the final examination will be provided and discussed in advance of the examination itself, so that you can be prepared to do well with minimal performance anxiety. The exam will be similar to a “take-home” exam except you will write the exam in the timeslot scheduled by the Registrar’s office. This kind of real-world demonstration of knowledge and skills in a fixed time-frame provides excellent experience for being prepared, managing your time, and deploying your knowledge and skills in the workplace or any context that comes with on-the-spot challenge.

Appendix 1: A list of the course materials (including the RATS) is available in the course materials section of the course website. The course website is located at <http://www.mcgill.ca/english/courses/2501e/>. The course website also contains information about the course, including the syllabus, the RATS, and the final examination. The course website is updated regularly, so please check it often. The course website is also available in French. The course website is also available in Spanish. The course website is also available in Chinese. The course website is also available in Hindi. The course website is also available in Japanese. The course website is also available in Korean. The course website is also available in Russian. The course website is also available in Vietnamese. The course website is also available in Arabic. The course website is also available in Bengali. The course website is also available in Gujarati. The course website is also available in Hindi. The course website is also available in Indonesian. The course website is also available in Italian. The course website is also available in Japanese. The course website is also available in Korean. The course website is also available in Malay. The course website is also available in Malayalam. The course website is also available in Marathi. The course website is also available in Nepali. The course website is also available in Persian. The course website is also available in Polish. The course website is also available in Portuguese. The course website is also available in Romanian. The course website is also available in Spanish. The course website is also available in Swedish. The course website is also available in Thai. The course website is also available in Telugu. The course website is also available in Turkish. The course website is also available in Urdu. The course website is also available in Vietnamese. The course website is also available in Welsh. The course website is also available in Yiddish. The course website is also available in Zulu.

**Late penalties:** if you need an extension, ask for it in advance. Late papers for which no extension has been sought or no academic consideration approved will lose marks at the rate of 10% of the value of the late assignment per day or part thereof late. For example, an essay worth 15% that is submitted 1.5 days late will lose 3 marks (10% of 15% is 1.5; 1.5 x 1 day and part of one day late is 1.5 + 1.5 = 3 marks). (Your paper would be worth a maximum of 12% prior to grading.)

**Email:** the instructor generally responds quickly via e-mail, but will not necessarily respond to e-mails after 6pm or on weekends. (Would you expect to be able to speak by phone with your professor after 6pm or on the weekend? Probably not. Consider e-mail the same way.)

**Office Hours:** Unless announced otherwise (e.g., when everyone needs to meet with me to



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