



Department of English and Writing Studies

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2227F: Crime Writing
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Section: # 001
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Tentative Course Schedule

Part I: The Literary Origins & Functions of the Novel

Part III: The Cozy Whodunit

Recommended readings for this section:

- Allingham, A. (1929) *The Crime at Black Dudley*. Jarrolds Publishing
Christie, A. (1934) *Murder on the Orient Express*. Harper-Collins
Collins, W. (1868) *The Moonstone*. Wadsworth Classics
Crispin, E. (1946) *The Moving Toyshop*. Vintage
Winters, B. (2012) *The Last Policeman*. Quirk Books

Week 4: Conventions, Style, & Narrative Staples

Part V: The Police Procedural

Recommended readings for this section:

- Connelly, M. (2020) *Fair Warning*. Little, Brown & Co.
Patterson, J. (1997) *Jack & Jill*. Vision Books
Ellroy, J. (1987) *The Black Dahlia*. Grand Central Publishing
Harris, T. (1981) *Red Dragon*. G.P. Putnams
McBain, E. (1956) *Cop Hater*. Pocket Books

Week 10: Conventions, Style, & Narrative Staples

~~**Note:** a class meeting missed in order to write a test, exam, or other form of ‘make-up class’ in another course **will** count as non-attendance, and **will** attract penalties as defined above if applicable. Instructors at Western University **shall not require** a student to write a make-up test or similar at times which conflict with that student’s other scheduled class times. If you are asked or ‘required’ to do this, you should immediately contact an academic counsellor in your Dean’s office. If you elect to miss a Writing class in order to write such a test in another class, that is **your** choice; your absence will not be excused.~~

~~**Attendance also extends to tardiness.** If you are more than 20 minutes late, you will be penalized an hour of attendance. Please make every effort to be on time as late entry can disrupt the flow of discussion in our class. Early departures from class, which have not been previously arranged with the instructor, will also be counted as an absence. If you leave during the break, you will be docked an hour of attendance.~~

Accommodation Policy

Note: the official Western Accommodation Policy

Special Requests: Special Examinations, Incomplete Standing, Aegrotat Standing

Please refer to the “Information for All Students in a Writing Course” for more detailed information.

Briefly, remember that your instructor does not have the discretion to initiate, consider, or grant (or not) such requests; you must go directly to the Dean’s office of your home faculty.

Additional Resources:

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

Student Support Services

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

<http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Policy on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

~~**Dr. Mike’s Policy on Social Media & Wireless Devices:**~~

~~Note that while the responsible use of smartphones, notebook computers, tablets, and other devices as learning tools in this course is certainly encouraged, and while I understand that~~

~~is expected that these technologies will be used appropriately in the context of the classroom. Please respect your professor (me) and peers (your friends and classmates) by refraining from SMS texting, BBMing, iMessaging, or using social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, et al. other than during the designated break times. Students who are found to be distracted by and/or routinely engaged in social media, or found using wireless devices for personal business during lectures, peer review sessions, or in-class assignments will be deemed to be *mentally absent* and will have their attendance and participation marks affected to the same degree as~~

~~discretion and common sense.~~