

## E 375K • English and American Satire

**Instructor:** Kaulbach, Ernest  
**Unique #:** 83300  
**Semester:** Summer 2010  
**Cross-lists:** None

**Areas:** III  
**Flags:** NA  
**Restrictions:** None  
**Computer Instruction:** N

**Prerequisites:** Nine semester hours of coursework in English or rhetoric and writing.

**Description:** The course will begin with some older models for satire (Horace, Boethius, Chaucer, for example), a critical essay and move into some of the well-known authors (Dryden, Swift, Pope, Irving, Twain, Bierce). All the previous introduces what “satire” means, approximately two weeks. At this point, we sometimes read pieces suggested by you and could read pieces never intended to be satirical (e.g., Bible or Declaration of Independence) – another two weeks. Usually – eight to ten weeks -, we spent most time on contemporary works (Loved One, Confederacy of Dunces, Clockwork Orange, Catch 22, Doctor Strangelove, Lolita).

**Texts:**

- Packet of readings from IT Copy Service (MLK next to Fire Station)
- Paperbacks of readings we choose to do.

**Requirements & Grading:** Final Grade is comprised of attendance (33%), short papers (33%), and final paper or exam (33%). More than 2 absences will result in a “B” for final grade, more than 4 a “C,” etc., no matter how you score on your papers or the exam. You may rewrite papers for a higher grade if the original paper showed some effort.

In any case, you must attend, write “A” or “B” papers and get an “A” or “B” on the final, to get an “A” or “B”. Plus/minus grading will be used.

- Attendance: 33% of grade
- Two papers: 33% of grade
- Final exam or paper: 33% of grade.

**Schedule:**

Week 1 - history and criticism of satire  
Week 2 - satires, presented by me and class  
Weeks 3 - 5 - books (on syllabus)

**Policies:**

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