

E 321 • Shakespeare: Selected Plays

Instructor: Whigham, F
Unique #: 34470
Semester: Fall 2010
Cross-lists: NA

Areas: I
Flags: NA
Restrictions: None
Computer Instruction: Y/N

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

Description: This course provides an introduction to a range of Shakespeare's works (comedy, history, tragedy, and romance). In it students will become acquainted with early modern English, work on close reading skills, learn to explore the plays' relevant contexts (including how they respond to one another), and explore the complex relations between past and present.

Texts:

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| McDonald, Russ | <i>The Bedford Companion to Shakespeare</i> | Bedford |
| Shakespeare, Wm. | <i>Hamlet</i> | Oxford |
| Shakespeare, Wm. | <i>Henry IV, Part One</i> | Oxford |
| Shakespeare, Wm. | <i>Henry IV, Part Two</i> | Cambridge |
| Shakespeare, Wm. | <i>Henry V</i> | Cambridge |
| Shakespeare, Wm. | <i>King Lear</i> | Cambridge |
| Shakespeare, Wm. | <i>Othello</i> | Cambridge |
| Shakespeare, Wm. | <i>Richard II</i> | Cambridge |
| Shakespeare, Wm. | <i>The Merchant of Venice</i> | Cambridge |
| Shakespeare, Wm. | <i>The Winters' Tale</i> | Cambridge |
| Shakespeare, Wm. | <i>Twelfth Night</i> | Oxford |

Requirements & Grading: (1) Frequent unannounced 10-minute factual quizzes (averaged, 30%); (2) Two essay exams (30% each); class participation (conversation in class, office hours, and email: 10%). No cumulative final.

Attendance. Three free absences. Thereafter, your course grade will be penalized (.50 grade-points off for 4 absences, .75 off for 5, 1.0 off for 6, 1.5 off for 7, failure in the course for 8).

Schedule:

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| 1 | Thurs | 8/26 | Introduction |
| 2 | Tues | 8/31 | <i>The Merchant of Venice</i> |
| | Thurs | 9/2 | <i>The Merchant of Venice</i> |
| 3 | Tues | 9/7 | <i>Richard II</i> |
| | Thurs | 9/9 | <i>Richard II</i> |
| 4 | Tues | 9/14 | <i>Henry IV, Part One</i> |
| | Thurs | 9/16 | <i>Henry IV, Part One</i> |
| 5 | Tues | 9/21 | <i>Henry IV, Part Two</i> |
| | Thurs | 9/23 | <i>Henry IV, Part Two</i> |
| 6 | Tues | 9/28 | <i>Henry V</i> |
| | Thurs | 9/30 | <i>Henry V</i> |
| 7 | Tues | 10/5 | <i>Twelfth Night</i> |
| | Thurs | 10/7 | <i>Twelfth Night</i> |
| 8 | Tues | 10/12 | Exam 1 |
| | Thurs | 10/14 | <i>Hamlet</i> |
| 9 | Tues | 10/19 | <i>Hamlet</i> |
| | Thurs | 10/21 | <i>Hamlet</i> |

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| 10 | Tues | 10/26 | <i>Othello</i> |
| | Thurs | 10/28 | <i>Othello</i> |
| 11 | Tues | 11/2 | <i>Othello</i> |
| | Thurs | 11/4 | <i>King Lear</i> |
| 12 | Tues | 11/9 | <i>King Lear</i> |
| | Thurs | 11/11 | <i>King Lear</i> |
| 13 | Tues | 11/16 | <i>King Lear</i> |
| | Thurs | 11/18 | <i>The Winters' Tale</i> |
| 14 | Tues | 11/23 | Thanksgiving |
| | Thurs | 11/25 | Thanksgiving |
| 15 | Tues | 11/30 | <i>The Winters' Tale</i> |
| | Thurs | 12/2 | Exam 2 |

Policies:

Disability issues. Students with disabilities may request appropriate academic accommodations from the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, Services for Students with Disabilities, 471-6259, <http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd/>.

Academic integrity. Students are expected to "maintain absolute integrity and a high standard of individual honor in scholastic work" undertaken at the University ([Sec. 11-801](#), *Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities*). This is a very basic expectation that is further reinforced by the University's [Honor Code](#). At a minimum, you should complete any assignments, exams, and other scholastic endeavors with the utmost honesty, which requires you to:

- acknowledge the contributions of other sources to your scholastic efforts;
- complete your assignments independently unless expressly authorized to seek or obtain assistance in preparing them;
- follow instructions for assignments and exams, and observe the standards of your academic discipline; and
- avoid engaging in any form of academic dishonesty on behalf of yourself or another student.

Consult http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acint_student.php if you are confused about what these requirements mean. Instances of academic dishonesty (e.g., answers copied from other students' work, or from the web) will be forwarded to Student Judicial Services for review and penalty.

Religious holidays. By UT Austin policy, you must notify me of your pending absence at least fourteen days prior to the date of observance of a religious holy day. If you must miss a class, an examination, a work assignment, or a project in order to observe a religious holy day, you will be given an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence.

Web Site: Blackboard

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