English 321: Shakespeare: Selected Plays (Unique # 34665)
Spring 2010: M W 5:00-6:15, Parlin 204
Prof. E. Mallin, Parlin 18, 471-1697
Office Hours: W 2-3:15, and by appointment

Required Books

*The Riverside Shakespeare*, ed. G. Blakemore Evans et. al.
*Christopher Marlowe: The Complete Plays*
*The Bedford Companion to Shakespeare*, ed. by Russ MacDonald, 2nd. edn.
Course packet, 1592 Game (available after 3/1)

You must bring the relevant text to class.

Works for this semester:
*Taming of the Shrew*, *Richard III*, *The Jew of Malta*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *Dr. Faustus*, *Hamlet*,
*Twelfth Night*, *King Lear* (optional, t.b.e.)

Course Schedule

Note: Read all of the introductory material for each of the works assigned. This syllabus is subject to change.

Week 1 (1/20)
W.: Introductions, course plan, requirements. Shakespeare overview.

Week 2 (1/25)
W: *Taming*, act 3.

Week 3 (2/1)

Week 4 (2/8)

Week 5 (2/15)
M: *Jew Of Malta*, end. PAPER #1 due.

Week 6 (2/22)
W: *The Jew of Malta*, end.

Week 7 (3/1)

Week 8 (3/8)
M: *The Merchant of Venice* end.
W: Midterm examination

Week 9 (3/15): SPRING VACATION

Week 10 (3/22)
W: *Doctor Faustus* and game continued.

Week 11 (3/29):
M: *Doctor Faustus* end; game continued.
W: In-character writing and public postings.

Week 12 (4/5)
M: Game, final performances, vote and postmortem. *Hamlet*, act 1.
W: Bedford, ch. 7. Essay #2 topics on game.

Week 13 (4/12)
M: Guest lecture on *Hamlet*.
Week 14 (4/19)
M: *Hamlet*, end.

Week 15 (4/26)

Week 16 (5/3)
W: Take home final exam.

Requirements

1. Attendance.
2. Two short essays, one longer final essay, and a midterm exam.
3. Participation in historical role-playing game.

Policy Statement

1. **Attendance** is required. It is your responsibility to sign the attendance sheets which I will make available every day. Three unexcused absences are allowed. A fourth absence will result in a one-grade reduction for the course. A fifth absence will cost you another grade. If you miss more than five classes, you cannot pass the course. No absences are considered excused except in the case of extreme medical and personal emergencies, which will require documentation.

2. Please arrive promptly at 5:00 p.m. Habitual latecomers will be penalized on their “class participation.”

3. Unannounced quizzes may be given at the beginning of class periods. There will be no make-ups and no extensions during class time for latecomers. A missed quiz counts as a zero.

4. The midterm examination must be taken at the time specified in the syllabus. Make-ups will only be given in the case of dire, documented circumstances. Unexcused missed exams count as zero.

5. **Grading.** Quizzes and class participation (excluding game performance) will constitute 10% of the final grade (the lowest quiz grade will be dropped). Here is the approximate weighting of the major assignments: first essay, 15%; midterm, 15%; game performance and writings, 30%; final essay, 35%. Improvement throughout the semester will be considered favorably in your evaluation.

6. No incompletes will be given except for medical emergencies.