Prerequisites: In order to take this course you must have taken RHE 306 and completed 27 credit hours of course work. If you have any questions about your eligibility for the course, see the Head of Lower Division English or the Undergraduate Advisor.

Description: This course is intended to provide an overview of British literature from the Middle Ages to the present. During the semester we will examine the historical and intellectual contexts of works on the reading list, discuss changes in various genres over time, and discuss the ways in which particular issues and ideas are treated in different periods.

Texts:

A. Anon. [Marie Borroff, translator], Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (Norton edition)
B. John Milton, Paradise Lost (Norton edition)
D. Jonathan Swift, Gulliver’s Travels (Norton edition)
E. Elizabeth Hedrick, editor, Virtue and Heroism: Readings in English Literature (Kendall/Hunt)

Requirements & Grading:
1) Mid-term - 30%
2) Second test - 30%
3) Quizzes (4, short-answer) - 20%
4) Discussion section work - 20%
5) Other -
   a) Attendance is required for all discussion section meetings. Students may miss one discussion section meeting without an excuse. Thereafter, the attendance grade will drop ten full points for every class missed.
   b) The final grade of any student who fails to take the mid-term or the second test at the times scheduled will be lowered by one full grade per test missed.

Schedule:

June

Th 3 Introduction

M 7 Dream of the Rood, Battle of Maldon
T 8 Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
W 9 Gawain, concluded; Shakespeare, introduction
Th 10 Shakespeare: 1 Henry IV, Act 1
F 11 DISCUSSION SECTION MEETING - Quiz #1

M 14 1 Henry IV, Acts 1 and 2
T 15 1 Henry IV, Acts 3 and 4
W 16 1 Henry IV, Acts 4 and 5; Milton, introduction
Th 17 Milton: Paradise Lost, Book I
F 18 DISCUSSION SECTION MEETING - Quiz #2

M 21 Paradise Lost, Book II
T 22 Paradise Lost, Book IX
W 23 FIRST TEST
Th 24 Pope: The Rape of the Lock
F 25 DISCUSSION SECTION MEETING - Quiz #3
This schedule is subject to revision.

Policies:

A. Please prepare for class by reading the assigned material carefully and making notes on it. Bring the relevant text to every lecture. If you miss a lecture, you are responsible for getting notes on it from another student. Neither Prof. Hedrick nor the TAs will provide you with notes or re-deliver lectures, or portions of lectures, for individual students during office hours.

B. Please read carefully any handouts you’re given and all the relevant material in Virtue and Heroism. We will assume you understand the information sheets in this text unless you ask us to clarify something.

C. This course policy statement and the course schedule will be posted on the Blackboard website for the class during the first three days of class. Occasionally Prof. Hedrick or the TAs may post additional materials on the Blackboard site. If you are unfamiliar with Blackboard, Prof. Hedrick or a TA will be glad to explain how to use it.

D. Students with disabilities may request appropriate academic accommodation from Services for Students with Disabilities. For more information, contact this office at 471-6259 (voice) or 232-2937 (video phone) or http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd

E. Honor Code: The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the university is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community.

F. Academic Integrity: Any work submitted by a student in this course for academic credit will be the student’s own work. For additional information on Academic Integrity, see http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acadint.php

G. Religious Holy Days: 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, I will give you an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence.

Web Site: Blackboard

Instructors: Professor Beth Hedrick
PAR 226
Office Hours: T-TH 3:45 - 4:30PM

Teaching Assistants: Brooke Hunter, Amanda Moulder, Rachel Schneider; office hours TBA