

Midland College
Syllabus
ENGL 2341
Forms of Literature
Semester and Year
3 Hours (3-0)
Instructor Name

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The study of one or more literary genres including, but not limited to, poetry, fiction, drama, and film. Course assignments will include a minimum of 6,000 words of writing. Prerequisite: ENGL 1302 or ENGL

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with literary periods and their legacy of important ideas.
2. Identify key ideas, representative authors and works, significant historical and cultural events, and characteristic perspectives and attitudes expressed in the literature of different periods or regions.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of literary works as expressions of individual and human values within the social, political, cultural, and religious contexts of different literary periods.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of major genres and forms of literature.
5. Understand the development of characteristic forms and styles of expression during different historical periods and in different regions.
6. Develop an appreciation for the aesthetic principles that guide the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
7. Analyze and synthesize aesthetic, historical, formal, and ideological approaches to interpreting literature through class discussion, presentations, written assignments, and exams.
8. Articulate an informed personal reaction to works in the arts and humanities.
9. Produce critical essays about the assigned readings that support a debatable thesis, that use primary and secondary sources, that cite those sources according to MLA style, that express ideas in clear and grammatically correct prose, and that are free of plagiarism.
10. Demonstrate personal responsibility by citing all sources properly, writing without plagiarism, and doing independent work.

Core Objectives

This course fulfills three hours of the Communications requirement in the Midland College **Core Curriculum**. The Core Curriculum is a set of courses that provides students with a foundation of knowledge, skills, and educational experiences that are

essential for all learning. The URL for the Core Curriculum is http://catalog.midland.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=6&poid=738

Composition courses explore writing as both a process and a product, using underlying rhetorical strategies to inform and persuade an identified audience. As part of the core, this course addresses the following four objectives:

Critical Thinking: The course involves creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, evaluation, and synthesis of information. Mastery of these skills is accomplished through the following: class discussions; writing group discussions and peer reviews; exploration of invention strategies to draft essays; revision of essays; and reflecting on the writing process and final product.

Communication: The course includes effective written, oral, and visual communication. Students are required to participate in all of the following: class discussions; informal class presentations; creation of visual presentations; writing essays in a variety of modes and intended to accomplish a variety of purposes.

Social Responsibility: This course teaches intercultural competency and helps the students develop the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities. They will accomplish these objectives by studying literary periods and their legacy of important ideas; by writing about key ideas, significant historical and cultural events, and perspectives and attitudes expressed in the literature of different periods or regions; and by analyzing and synthesizing aesthetic, historical, formal, and ideological approaches to interpreting literature through class discussion, presentations, written assignments, and exams.

Personal Responsibility: Students will demonstrate the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making. They will accomplish this by submitting original work and using appropriate documentation and attribution when using another's words or ideas.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS (Text will vary)

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Plagiarism is defined as the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's own written work offered for credit. A student commits plagiarism if he/she:

1. fails to acknowledge the sources of any information in a paper which is not either common knowledge or personal knowledge. A student can acknowledge a source through in-text citations, attribution lines, footnotes, or other forms of documentation approved by the instructor. (Common knowledge is the basic information within a field or discipline, as well as most historical dates and facts, and many ordinary observations.)

2. fails to acknowledge direct quotation either by using quotation marks or (for longer passages) indentation. Without the quotation marks or indentation, passages copied directly from a source might be considered plagiarized even if it is followed by an in-text citation or a footnote. The citation or footnote acknowledges that there is a source, but it does not indicate that the writer has borrowed someone else's exact words. If a writer uses the language of a source, word-for word, he/she must use quotation marks or block indentation.

3. merely paraphrases the original words of the source. Some students think they can avoid a charge of plagiarism by changing a few words in each sentence they copy or by rearranging the shape of phrases or the order of sentences in a paragraph. This is not true. When taking notes students must be careful to put ideas in their own words or to use direct quotations when relying on phrases directly borrowed from a source.

4. borrows the ideas, examples, or structure of the source without acknowledging it. A student can be guilty of plagiarism if he/she systematically borrows the ideas and organization of a source even if the language of the piece is on a major news event by using exactly the same ideas in the same order as they appear in an article in any popular news magazine.

5. takes, buys, or receives a paper written by someone else and presents it as the student's own.

6. uses one paper for two different courses, or re-uses a paper previously submitted for credit, without the prior approval of the instructor or instructors.

Plagiarism will result in a failing grade on that assignment. A second plagiarized paper may result in an F for the course.

COURSE POLICIES

Policy may vary in such areas as attendance, submission of papers and deadlines, format of papers, use of Canvas, participation, email correspondence, portfolios, and course schedule.

GRADING STANDARDS

Departmental guidelines for grading standards

The A paper: Perhaps the principal characteristic of the A paper is its rich content. The information delivered is such that one feels significantly taught by the writer. The A paper is also marked by stylistic finesse: the title and opening paragraph are engaging; the transitions are artful; the phrasing is tight, fresh, and highly concrete; the sentence structure is varied; the tone enhances the purposes of the paper. Finally, the A paper, because of its careful organization and development, imparts a feeling of wholeness and unusual clarity.

The B paper: It is significantly more than competent. Besides being almost free of mechanical errors, the B paper delivers information that is substantial in both quantity and interest value. Its specific points are logically ordered, well developed, and unified around a clear organizing principle that is apparent early in the paper. The opening paragraph draws the reader in; the closing paragraph is both conclusive and thematically related to the opening. The transitions between the paragraphs are, for the most part, smooth, the sentence structures pleasing and varied. The diction of the B paper is concise and precise.

The C paper: The C paper is generally competent--it meets the assignment, has few mechanical errors, and is reasonably well-organized and developed. The actual information it delivers, however, seems commonplace. One reason for that impression is that the ideas are typically cast in the form of vague generalities that prompt the confused reader to ask: "In every case?" "Exactly how large?" "Why?" And "How?" Stylistically, the C paper has other shortcomings as well: the opening paragraph does little to draw the reader in; the final paragraph offers only a perfunctory wrapping up; the transitions between the paragraphs are often bumpy; the sentences, besides being choppy, tend to follow a predictable (hence monotonous) subject-verb-object/loose sentence format; and the diction is occasionally marred by unconscious repetitions, redundancy, and imprecision. The C paper gets the basic job done, but it lacks both imagination and intellectual rigor and does not invite a rereading.

The D paper: Its treatment and development of the subject are only rudimentary. While organization is present, it is neither clear nor effective. Sentences are frequently awkward, ambiguous, and marred by serious mechanical errors. Evidence of careful proofreading is scanty, if nonexistent. The whole piece, in fact, often gives the impression of having been conceived and written in haste.

The F paper: Its treatment of the subject is superficial; its focus lacks discernible organization; its prose is garbled or stylistically primitive. Mechanical errors are frequent. In short, the ideas, organization, and style fall far below what is acceptable college writing.

EVALUATION OF STUDENTS

(will vary)

ATTENDANCE IN IVC CLASSES

Early College High School and Dual Credit students must show themselves on camera at least once AND turn in that day's classtime tasks to be counted presented.

PROHIBITION OF AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING OF INSTRUCTOR AND CLASS ACTIVITIES

Students may not make audio or visual recordings of any face-to-face or electronic class activities, including, for example, discussions, conferences, and lectures. **The only exception is for students with a disability documented according to Midland College ADA Statement and Midland College-ordered accommodations specifically authorizing such recording.**

COVID-19 PREVENTION

Students attending face-to-face classes during the fall semester are required to wear face masks and maintain physical distancing at all times while in classrooms and buildings.

Students are encouraged to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms each day before coming on campus. Students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should stay home. Students are required to clean their own workspaces before and after each class using products provided by the college.

DROP / WITHDRAWAL

The student is responsible for initiating a drop or withdrawal, not the instructor.

Withdrawal from course: The instructor is not able to withdraw a student from the course after the census date. A student wishing to withdraw must fill out the **withdrawal form in MyMCPortal.**

2020-2021 WITHDRAWAL DATES

Fall	November 12
Fall First 8-Week Session	October 1
Fall Second 8-Week Session	November 29
December Mini-Semester	December 28
Spring	April 8
Spring First 8-Week Session	February 18
Spring Second 8-Week Session	April 22
May Mini-Semester	May 24
Summer I	June 24
Summer II	August 5

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

For Research information, tutorials, library information, web links and more, access the **Distance Learning Webpage for the [Midland College Fasken Learning Resource Center](#)** (Links to an external site).

Academic Database Access

1. [EBSCO\(Links to an external site.\)](#) You will be taken to the Midland College Microsoft 365 site, and from there you will be taken directly to EBSCO.
2. Sign in to Microsoft 365.

Username: Use your MC student email address as the username.

Password: Put in your password as follows.

If you have a 9-digit MC Student ID

1st initial of your first name + 1st three initials of your last name + your complete Midland College student ID

Example:

Student: John Smith

MC ID: 123004567

Password = **jsmi123004567**

If you have a 5-digit MC Student ID

1st initial of your first name + 1st three initials of your last name + 0000 + your complete Midland College student ID

Example:

Student: John Smith

MC ID: 12345

Password = **jsmi000012345**

After you log in you will have the option to change your Microsoft 365 password. Hint: You may want to simplify your life by changing your MC email and Canvas accounts to have the same password as Microsoft 365.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you experience technical difficulties with Canvas, click the **Help** link at the bottom of the [Canvas login page](#) (Links to an external site), or at the bottom of the green toolbar on the left while in Canvas. Select Report a Problem, provide details, and submit

the ticket. Your request will automatically be sent to the Midland College information technology support center. Check your email for support updates.

INSTITUTIONAL ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

ADA Statement-- The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act require that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be denied access to, or the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination by any program or activity provided by an institution or entity receiving federal financial assistance. It is this Section 504 mandate that has promoted the development of disability support service programs in colleges and universities across the country. Subpart E of Section 504 deals specifically with this mandate for institutions of higher education. While it does not require that special educational programming be developed for students with disabilities, it does require that an institution (public or private) be prepared to make appropriate academic adjustments and reasonable accommodations in order to allow the full participation of students with disabilities in the same programs and activities available to nondisabled students.

Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must place documentation on file with the Counselor/Disability Specialist. Students with disabilities should notify Midland College prior to the beginning of each semester. Student Services will provide each student with a letter outlining any reasonable accommodations. The student must present the letter to the instructor at the beginning of the semester.

Phone, Midland College Special Needs Counselor: 432-685-5598

[Midland College Disability Services](#) (Links to an external site)

[Microsoft Accessibility](#) (Links to an external site)

[Canvas Accessibility](#) (Links to an external site)

[Turnitin Accessibility](#) (Links to an external site)

[Adobe Reader Accessibility](#) (Links to an external site)

[Google Reader Accessibility](#) (Links to an external site)

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

[Academics and Student Services](#) (Links to an external site)

Phone, Midland College Testing Center: 432-685-4735

**Phone, LanguageHub, Midland College On-Campus Writing Center: 432-685-4811,
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Language Hub Online (available to all students in Canvas)

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUE PROCESS

[Midland College Student Rights and Responsibilities](#) (Links to an external site)

PRIVACY POLICIES

The below privacy policies apply to this course, as they are applicable to your conduct on this online platform.

[Midland College Website Privacy Policy](#) (Links to an external site)

[Canvas Privacy Policy](#) (Links to an external site)

[YouTube Privacy Policy](#) (Links to an external site)

[Canvas Student Guide](#) (Links to an external site)

[Turnitin Privacy Policy](#) (Links to an external site)

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NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Midland College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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For more information on notice of non-discrimination, visit the [Office of Civil Rights website](#) for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

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