

English 1020E - Section 530
Understanding Literature Today
School of Humanities

Instructors:

First Term: Dr. Monika Lee

Second Term: Dr. Dominick Grace

Classroom: Rm. 136, St. James Building

Class Time: Tues. 2:30 – 4:30; Thurs. 2:30 – 3:30

Course Description: English 1020E is an introduction to literature in English that teaches students to read and write about literature. Reading involves the understanding and appreciation of poetry, prose, and drama through the study of rhetoric, prosody, style, theme, and genre. Writing includes attention to grammar and practice in clear and logical argumentation through the analysis of texts and sight assignments.

Prerequisite(s):

OAC1 English or Grade 12U English or permission of the Department

Antirequisite(s):

English 1022E, English 1025E.

Required Texts:

The Norton Anthology of English Literature: Major Authors. 10th Edition. Norton.
Volume 2 ISBN 978-0-393-91965-3

William Shakespeare. *The Tempest.* (Signet)

Jane Austen. *Pride and Prejudice.* (Broadview e-book or hard copy).

Custom Course Package, Steven Heighton's "Shared Room on Union".

Joanne Buckley. *Fit to Print: The Canadian Students' Guide to Essay Writing.* (Nelson, 2004).

Evaluation:

Term Two Oral Presentation: 15%

Reading Quizzes: 10%

First-term Essay: 15%

Second-term Essay: 20%

Term Test: 20%

Final Exam: 25%

***Note:** In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence during the course that necessitates the course delivery moving away from face-to-face interaction, all remaining course content will be delivered entirely online, either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme will **not** change. Any remaining assessments will also be conducted online.

Accommodation Policies

Students with disabilities work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#).

Academic Consideration for Student Absence

Students will have up to two (2) opportunities during the regular academic year to use an on-line portal to self-report an absence during the term, provided the following conditions are met: the absence is no more than 48 hours in duration, and the assessment for which consideration is being sought is worth 30% or less of the student's final grade. Students are expected to contact their instructors within 24 hours of the end of the period of the self-reported absence, unless noted on the syllabus. Students are not able to use the self-reporting option in the following circumstances:

- for exams scheduled by the Office of the Registrar (e.g., December and April exams)
- absence of a duration greater than 48 hours,
- assessments worth more than 30% of the student's final grade,
- if a student has already used the self-reporting portal twice during the academic year

If the conditions for a Self-Reported Absence are *not* met, students will need to provide a Student Medical Certificate if the absence is medical, or provide appropriate documentation if there are compassionate grounds for the absence in question. Students are encouraged to contact their Faculty academic counselling office to obtain more information about the relevant documentation.

Students should also note that individual instructors are not permitted to receive documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for consideration on medical grounds, or for other reasons. **All documentation required for absences that are not covered by the Self-Reported Absence Policy must be submitted to the Academic Counselling office of a student's Home Faculty.**

For Western University policy on Consideration for Student Absence, see
[Policy on Academic Consideration for Student Absences - Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs](#)

and for the Student Medical Certificate (SMC), see:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf

Policy on Late Essay Submission:

Extensions on essays may be granted when a request in writing is made to me BEFORE the day on which the essay is due. Otherwise, a penalty of 2% per day will be deducted from the essay grade. Late essays will not be accepted after the end of term.

TERM ONE:

Office: Dr. Lee in Rm. 335A Ursuline Hall

Telephone: 519-432-8353 ext. 28032

E-mail: mlee5@uwo.ca (Hard copies of assignments only.

E-mailed submissions will not be read and attachments
will not be opened. Thanks.)

Office Hours: Mon. 5:30 – 6:30; Thurs. 1:00 – 2:00; or by appointment via zoom.

Term One Electronics Policy: Computers, tablets and phones are allowed **in special cases only** with the permission of the instructor.

TERM TWO:

Office: Dr. Grace in room 337, Ursuline Hall

Telephone: 519-432-8353 ext. 28244

E-mail: dgrace2@uwo.ca

Office Hours: To be determined

Term Two Electronics Policy: Computers and tablets are allowed but only if being used in service of the class.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND ASSIGNMENTS:

*Assigned texts must be read in their entirety before class on the day they are scheduled to be taught. All texts are either separate books or found in the *Norton Anthology of British Literature, Major Authors* unless a separate text or web-link is provided on this syllabus.

Thurs. Sept. 10 – William Blake’s “Piping Down the Valleys Wild”

Tues. Sept. 15 – Introduction to the course; Course Business: What is poetry?

Thurs. Sept. 17 – William Shakespeare’s “Let Me Not to the Marriage of True Minds”

Sonnet 116. <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/45106/sonnet-116-let-me-not-to-the-marriage-of-true-minds>

Tues. Sept. 22 – Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah” on-line

<http://leonardcohenfiles.com/album8.html#61>

Thurs. Sept. 24 – William Wordsworth’s “We Are Seven”

Tues. Sept. 29 – Alfred Tennyson’s “The Lady of Shalott”

Thurs. Oct. 1 – W.B. Yeats’ “The Lake Isle of Innisfree”

Tues. Oct. 6 – **Quiz:** Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice*

Thurs. Oct. 8 – *Pride and Prejudice*; **Thesis Statement due**

Tues. Oct. 13 – Essay Writing; *Pride and Prejudice*

Thurs. Oct. 15 – *Pride and Prejudice*

Tues. Oct. 20 – *Pride and Prejudice*

Thurs. Oct. 22 – *Pride and Prejudice*

Tues. Oct. 27 – Steven Heighton’s “Shared Room on Union”

Thurs. Oct. 29 – Jean Rhys’ “The Day They Burned the Books”

Fall Reading Week, no classes Nov. 2-6

Tues. Nov. 10 – “The Day They Burned the Books”; James Joyce’s “Araby”
Thurs. Nov. 12 – “Araby”

Tues. Nov. 17 – **Quiz:** William Shakespeare’s *The Tempest*
Thurs. Nov 19 – *The Tempest*

Tues. Nov. 24 – *The Tempest*
Thurs. Nov. 26 – **TERM TEST**

Tues. Dec. 1 – *The Tempest*
Thurs. Dec. 3 – *The Tempest*

Tues. Dec. 8 – P.B. Shelley’s “Ozymandias”; **ESSAY ONE DUE**

Schedule of Classes and Assignments for Term 2:

Tues. Jan. 5 – Wollstonecraft, selections from *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*
Thurs. Jan. 7 – Virginia Woolf, “Professions for Women”

Tues. Jan. 12 – Christina Rossetti, “Goblin Market”
ORAL PRESENTATIONS BEGIN

Thurs. Jan. 14 – **Quiz:** Robert Louis Stevenson, *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*
Tues. Jan. 19 – Stevenson continued

Thurs. Jan. 21 – Stevenson concluded
Thurs. Jan. 28 – Robert Frost’s “Design” on-line <https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem/design>

Tues. Feb. 2 – Dylan Thomas’s “Do Not Go Gentle Into that Good Night”; Auden, “Paysage Moralise” (<http://homes.chass.utoronto.ca/~ian/paysage.html>)

Thurs. Feb. 4 – Robert Browning, “Fra Lippo Lippi”

Tues. Feb. 9 – T. S. Eliot, “The Waste Land”
Thurs. Feb. 11 – Eliot concluded

Reading Week Feb. 15-19

Tues. Feb. 23 – **Quiz:** Oscar Wilde, *The Importance of Being Earnest*
Thurs. Feb. 25 – Wilde continued

Tues. Mar. 2 – Wilde concluded
Thurs. Mar. 4 – Beckett, *Waiting for Godot*

Tues. Mar. 9 – Beckett continued
Thurs. Mar. 11 – Beckett concluded

Tues. Mar. 16 – Virginia Woolf, “The Mark on the Wall”; Katherine Mansfield, “The Garden Party”

Thurs. Mar. 18 – D. H. Lawrence, “The Horse Dealer’s Daughter”
SECOND TERM ESSAY DUE

Tues. Mar. 23 – **Quiz:** James Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*

Thurs. Mar. 25 – Conrad concluded

Tues. Mar. 30 – Nadine Gordimer, “The Moment Before the Gun Went Off”; Margaret Atwood, “Death by Landscape”

Thurs. Apr. 1 – Alice Munro, “Walker Brothers Cowboy”

Tues. Apr. 5 – Review

Final Examination during Exam Period

Learning Objectives:

English 1020E will help you to develop Brescia’s core competencies in Communication, Critical Thinking, Inquiry and Analysis, Social Awareness and Engagement, and Problem Solving.

1. Students will be able to read closely and comprehend accurately a wide array of intellectually challenging texts.
2. Students will learn to write a persuasive literary essay.
3. Students will be able to write clearly and effectively.
4. Students will be able to edit their own writing.
5. Students will be able to read and understand an unfamiliar text and write about it.
6. Students will be able to identify and correct a variety of common grammatical errors in their own and other people’s writing.
7. Students will be able to identify attributes of the major historical periods of English literature, from Anglo Saxon through to Modern.
8. Students will be able to reason logically.
9. Students will know how to analyse critically pieces of writing in a variety of styles, genres and idioms.
10. Students will know the names, titles and content of many of the most important and influential texts in the English language by some of its very best practitioners.
11. Students will acquire the knowledge of proper format and citation in essay writing in the field of modern languages.
12. Students will be able to interpret and explain complex elements in literary texts.

13. Students will be able to define and identify a variety of literary genres and sub-genres.
14. Students will acquire heightened communication skills.

2020-21 BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

1. POLICY REGARDING ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

The complete policy regarding [Accommodation for Illness - Undergraduate Students](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12) can be found at http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12.

Students who have long-term or chronic medical conditions which may impede their ability to complete academic responsibilities should seek Academic Accommodation through Student Accessibility Services (http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_10).

Personal commitments (e.g., vacation flight bookings, work schedule) which conflict with a scheduled test, exam or course requirement are **not** grounds for academic accommodation.

Students who experience an illness or extenuating circumstance sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements may submit a request for academic consideration through the following routes:

1. Submitting a **Self-Reported Absence** form provided that the conditions for submission are met;
2. For medical absences, submitting a **Student Medical Certificate (SMC)** signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner;
3. For non-medical absences, submitting **appropriate documentation** (e.g., obituary, police report, accident report, court order, etc.) to their Academic Advisor. Students are encouraged to contact their Academic Advisor to clarify what documentation is acceptable.

Requests for Academic Consideration Using the Self-Reported Absence Portal

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance of 48 hours or less that is sufficiently severe to render them unable to meet academic requirements should self-declare using the online Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours. Note that the excused absence includes all courses and academic requirements within the up to 48 hours, it is not intended to provide an excused absence from a single course while students fulfill their academic responsibilities in other courses during that time.

The following conditions are in place for self-reporting of medical or extenuating circumstances:

1. Students will be allowed a **maximum of two self-reported absences** between September and April and one self-reported absence between May and August;
2. The duration of the absence will be for a maximum of 48 hours from the time the Self-Reported Absence form is completed through the online portal, or from 8:30 am the following morning if the form is submitted after 4:30 pm;
3. The excused absence will terminate prior to the end of the 48 hour period if the student undertakes significant academic responsibilities (writes a test, submits a paper) during that time;
4. Self-reported absences will **not** be allowed for scheduled final examinations; midterm examinations scheduled during the December examination period; or for final lab examinations scheduled during the final week of term;
5. Self-report absences may **not** be used for assessments worth more than 30% of any course;
6. Any absences in excess of 48 hours will require students to present a Student Medical Certificate (SMC), or appropriate documentation;
7. Students **must** communicate with their instructors **no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by the Self-Reported Absence form** to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence.

Request for Academic Consideration for a Medical Absence

When a student requests academic accommodation (e.g., extension of a deadline, a makeup exam) for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course, it is the responsibility of the student to provide acceptable documentation to support a medical or compassionate claim. All such requests for academic accommodation **must** be made through an Academic Advisor and include supporting documentation.

Academic accommodation for illness will be granted only if the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete their academic responsibilities. Minor ailments typically treated by over-the-counter medications will not normally be accommodated.

The following conditions apply for students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds:

1. Students must submit their Student Medical Certificate (SMC) along with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities. An SMC can be downloaded from http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf ;
2. In cases where there might be an extended absence or serious issue, students should submit their documentation promptly and consult their Academic Advisor for advice during their recovery period;
3. Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, scheduled tests or examinations, and other academic requirements;
4. Students **must** communicate with their instructors **no later than 24 hours** after the end of the period covered by the SMC to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence;
5. Appropriate academic accommodation will be determined by the Dean's Office/Academic Advisor in consultation with the course instructor(s). Academic accommodation may include extension of deadlines, waiver of attendance requirements, arranging Special Exams (make-ups), re-weighting course requirements, or granting late withdrawal without academic penalty.

The full policy on requesting accommodation due to illness can be viewed at:

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12

2. ACADEMIC CONCERNs

If you feel that you have a medical or personal challenge that is interfering with your work, contact your instructor and Academic Advisor as soon as possible. Problems may then be documented and possible arrangements to assist you can be discussed at the time of occurrence rather than on a retroactive basis. Retroactive requests for academic accommodation on medical or compassionate grounds are not normally considered.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your work load is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor. If you consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines; please refer to the [Registrar's website](http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/), <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/> or the list of official sessional dates in the Academic Calendar (<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm?SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=>).

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. *Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP eligibility and/or Entrance Scholarship eligibility.*

3. ABSENCES

Short Absences: If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate. Contact the course instructor if you have any questions.

Please note that for asynchronous online courses, attendance or participation requirements maybe different than for synchronous or in-person courses.

Extended Absences: If you have an extended absence, you should contact the course instructor and an Academic Advisor. Your course instructor and Academic Advisor can discuss ways for you to catch up on missed work, and arrange academic accommodations if appropriate and warranted.

It is important to note that the Academic Dean may refuse permission to write the final examination in a course if the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year or for too frequent absence from the class or laboratory

(http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=5&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading_68).

4. SCHOLASTIC OFFENCES

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence at:
http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20.

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offences. Note that such offences include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. Students are advised to consult the section on Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Academic Calendar.

If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate or not, consult your instructor, the Academic Dean's Office, or the Registrar. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" is not accepted as an excuse.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offence (including plagiarism) include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Computer-marked Tests/exams:

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating. Software currently in use to score computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams performs a similarity review as part of standard exam analysis.

5. PROCEDURES FOR APPEALING ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS

All appeals of a grade must be directed first to the course instructor. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal is to be sent to the School Chair. If the response of the Chair is considered unsatisfactory to the student, they may then submit a written appeal to the Office of the Dean. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Dean, they may appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA), if there are sufficient grounds for the appeal and if the matter falls within the jurisdiction of the SRBA. For information on academic appeals consult your Academic Advisor or see the Student Academic Appeals – Undergraduate in the Academic Calendar
http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14.

Note that final course marks are not official until the Academic Dean has reviewed and signed the final grade report for the course. If course marks deviate from acceptable and appropriate standards, the Academic Dean may require grades to be adjusted to align them with accepted grading practices.

6. PREREQUISITES

Unless you have either the prerequisites for a course or written special permission from the Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from the course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisite(s).

7. SUPPORT

Support Services

The Brescia University College Registrar's website, with a link to Academic Advisors, is at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/>. Students can access supports through Brescia's Student Life Centre (<http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/student-life/>) and Learning Skills Services at Western (<https://www.uwo.ca/sdc/learning/>)

Mental Health and Wellness

Students may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to your learning, such as increased anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, feeling down or lost, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. Services are available to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. You can obtain information about how to obtain help for yourself or others through **Mental Health & Wellness at Brescia** (<http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/mental-health-wellness/>) and **Health and Wellness at Western**, http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html.

Sexual Violence

All members of the Brescia University College community have a right to work and study in an environment that is free from any form of sexual violence. Brescia University College recognizes that the prevention of, and response to, Sexual Violence is of particular importance in the university environment. Sexual Violence is strictly prohibited and unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Brescia is committed to preventing Sexual Violence and creating a safe space for anyone in the Brescia community who has experienced Sexual Violence.

If you or someone you know has experienced any form of Sexual Violence, you may access resources at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/sexual-violence/>.

Portions of this document were taken from the Academic Calendar, the Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy and the Academic Handbook of Senate Regulations. This document is a summary of relevant regulations and does not supersede the academic policies and regulations of the Senate of the University of Western Ontario.
