

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

**LIT2000 (4A80), INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE
SYLLABUS
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INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

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COURSE INFORMATION:

Time	MTWRF, Period 3
Location	AND 0134

COURSE PRE-REQUISITE: ENC 1101

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course examines the unique and changing role literature has played in individuals' lives and in society. It is centered on three deceptively simple questions: What is literature? Why do we write literature? And why do we read literature? It introduces students to a range of literary genres, from different countries and historical periods.

Among the primary aims of this course is to help students develop the critical skill of analysis and interpretation. Students will also learn how formal and stylistic elements as well as historical context shape the meaning and significance of literature. By becoming more skillful readers of literature and its contexts, students become better readers of the worlds that literature addresses, develop their ability to decipher meaning from language, and better understand their own interactions with science, technology, media, commerce, and politics.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

In addition to gaining a deeper appreciation of the expressive potential of language and the varieties of literature, students will develop a broader cultural literacy and an understanding of the changing definition and role of literature in society.

Therefore, by the conclusion of the course it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the content of specific literary works and the structures and conventions of different literary genres.
2. Produce original, critical readings of literary texts, using different methods of interpretation and analysis, while identifying and interpreting formal and genre-related elements in the texts.
3. Critically assess the variety of roles that literature has played historically and

continues to play in the human experience.

4. Draw connections between literary texts and their biographical, historical, and cultural contexts of authorship and reading.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

The required texts will be selected from the following:

- Martin Luther King, Jr., *I have a dream*
- Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice* or Pirandello,
- Virgil, *Aeneid*, Book I,
- Homer, *Odysseus*, Book XIX
- Walt Whitman, "Song of Myself"
- Flannery O'Connor's story, "A Good Man is Hard to Find" and Franz Kafka's story, "The Penal Colony"
- Camara Laye, *The Dark Child*
- **Riad Sattouf, *The Arab of the Future* (vol. 1 & 2)**
- Carlo Collodi, *Pinocchio*
- **Art Spiegelman, *The Complete Maus* (vol. 1 & 2)**
- Jennine Capó Crucet, *How to Leave Hialeah*
- **Marjane Satrapi, *The Complete Persepolis* (vol. 1 & 2)**

The following texts should be purchased at the University Bookstore, other Gainesville booksellers, ordered online, or checked out from the library, etc. A course pack is also required and can be purchased from Target Copy (1412 W University Ave).

GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

Summary of grading

1. Attendance & participation/in-class discussion (10%)
2. Online comprehension quizzes (20%)
3. 1 Close Reading of a literary text or passage (15%)
4. 1 Critical Analysis paper (25%)
5. 1 in-class Final Exam (20%)
6. 1 in-class Presentation on one of the graphic novels (10%)

1. Attendance & Participation (10%)

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory and will be assessed by class roll or sign-up sheet. **Students will lose 1% from their final grade for every unexcused absence.** Absences will be excused in accordance with UF policy. Acceptable reasons include illness, religious holidays, military obligation, and the twelve-day rule (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>). Should you miss a class for any reason, you are responsible for informing yourself as to what was covered in class.

Participation: Students are expected to read and review the assigned readings before class. Each week will begin with a series of basic questions on the contents of the assigned readings. If students are unable to answer these questions, it will be assumed

that they have not prepared the homework and will lose 1%. Consistent participation in class discussions, demonstrated knowledge of the assigned readings will also contribute to this portion of the final grade.

2. Unit quizzes in class or on e-learning on the Canvas website (20%)

Students are expected to read the assigned readings the night before they are presented in class. The unit quiz is designed to test student reading comprehension. In the case of Canvas quizzes, students will have a 24-hour period within which to complete the unit quiz. The quizzes will be true or false, multiple choice, matching, short answer and short essay. These quizzes cannot be made up except in the case of an excused absence.

3. Close Reading Assignment: 750 words (15%)

This assignment will test student skills in close reading of poetry, drama, or short fiction. Students will be expected to analyze a text carefully and develop an argument regarding the whole of the text through a close reading. No outside sources may be used for this assignment.

4. Critical Analysis Paper: 1,500 words (25%)

This assignment asks students to combine close reading skills with critical concepts or historical information introduced in one of the supplemental readings. The goal is for students to produce a strong conceptual argument supported by textual and contextual evidence.

These papers will be graded on a point scale of 1 to 10: 9-10, excellent; 8-8.9, good to very good; 7-7.9 average to good; 6-6.9, below average; below 6 is not a passing grade. All students, whatever their grade, will have the option to rewrite the essay.

5. Final Exam (20%)

Method of assessment will be an in class exam (30% of the total grade). The exam will be comprised of short answer, multiple choice, true or false, matching, identification, and short essay questions based on readings, lectures and classroom discussion.

6. Presentation (10%)

This assignment involves presenting about a specific part of one of the three graphic novels in this class. Students have 15 minutes to present their part. A PowerPoint presentation is required. Slides should be attractive and uncluttered. Screen shots from the graphic novels should be included in the PowerPoint to provide context. Students will be graded on their communication skills, insights, preparation, and ability to connect the reading to some of the other readings in the class.

CLASSROOM POLICIES:

- **Makeup Policy:** Except in the case of certified illness or other UF accepted excuse (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>), there will be no make-up option for missed exams, quizzes or late assignments. Where

possible, make-ups should be arranged by email or in person prior to the expected absence. In case of illness, student should contact instructor on his or her return to classes.

- **Unexcused Absence Policy:** Student will lose 1% from their final grade for each unexcused absence.
- **Late Policy:** A class roll will be available for students to sign at the front of the class before class begins. If a student is late, he or she will have to sign the "late roll sheet" after class. Such lateness distracts other students and the instructor and will affect the student's final participation grade. Students will lose 0.5% from their final grade each time they arrive late.
- **Cell phone policy:** Students must turn cell phones to silent before coming to class. Each time a student's cell phone rings or each time that a student texts during class, 1% will be deducted from that student's final grade (i.e. the student will be marked as absent).
- **Lap top policy:** Students may use laptops to take notes or read electronic textbooks. Wifi must be disabled in class. Students who use the internet will be marked as absent and 1% will be deducted from the student's final grade (i.e. the student will be marked as absent).

Grading Scale (& GPA equivalent):

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E
100-93 (4.0)	92-90 (3.67)	89-87 (3.33)	86-83 (3.0)	82-80 (2.67)	79-77 (2.33)	76-73 (2.0)	72-70 (1.67)	69-67 (1.33)	63-66 (1.0)	62-60 (0.67)	59- (0)

Note: There is no rounding up in this course. If you earn 92.99, your grade is A-

Note: A grade of C- is not a qualifying grade for major, minor, Gen Ed, or College Basic distribution credit. For further information on UF's Grading Policy, see:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>
<http://www.isis.ufl.edu/minusgrades.html>

Academic Honesty: Students are required to be honest in their coursework, may not use notes during quizzes or exams, and must properly cite all sources that they have consulted for their projects. Any act of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Dean of Students, and may result in failure of the assignment in question and/or the course. For University of Florida's honor code, see

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/honorcode.php>

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. Contact the Disability Resources Center (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>) for information about available resources for students with disabilities.

Counseling and Mental Health Resources: Students facing difficulties completing the course or who are in need of counseling or urgent help should call the on-campus Counseling and Wellness Center (352 392-1575; <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/>).

Online Course Evaluation: Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course based on 10 criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester (or days, in the case of the summer), but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Students should note that the schedule is a guideline and may change

MON		TUE		WED		THUR		FRI	
June 26	MODULE 1: King & Eagleton (on Canvas)	June 27	MODULE 2 MofV: Acts I-III	June 28	MODULE 2 MofV: Acts IV-V	June 29	MODULE 3 Homer, book 19 (on Canvas)	June 30	MODULE 3 Virgil, book 1 (on Canvas)
July 3	MODULE 4 Sattouf, 1 Chapter 1 P: Chapter 2 P:	July 4	NO CLASS	July 5	MODULE 4 Sattouf, 1 Chapter 3a P: Chapter 3b P: Chapter 4 P:	July 6	MODULE 4 Sattouf, 2 Chapter 5 P: Chapter 6 P:	July 7	MODULE 4 Sattouf, 2 Chapter 7 P: Chapter 8 P: Chapter 9 P: Chapter 10 P:
July 10	MODULE 5 Laye, Chapters 1-5	July 11	MODULE 5 Laye, Chapters 6-8	July 12	MODULE 5, Laye, Chapters 9-12 Close Reading Paper Due	July 13	MODULE 6 Whitman, SofM: poems 1-32	July 14	MODULE 6 Whitman, SofM: poems 33-52
July 17	MODULE 7 O'Connor "A Good Man is Hard to Find"	July 18	MODULE 8 Kafka "The Penal Colony"	July 19	MODULE 9 Collodi, Chapters 1-12	July 20	MODULE 9 Collodi, Chapters 13-24	July 21	MODULE 9 Collodi, Chapters 25-36

July 24	MODULE 10 Spiegelman , Maus I Chapter 1 <u>P:</u> Chapter 2 <u>P:</u> Chapter 3 <u>P:</u>	July 25	MODULE 10 Spiegelman, Maus I Chapter 4 <u>P:</u> Chapter 5 <u>P:</u> Chapter 6 <u>P:</u>	July 26	MODULE 10 Spiegelman, Maus II Chapter 1 <u>P:</u> Chapter 2 <u>P:</u> Chapter 3 <u>P:</u>	July 27	MODULE 10 Spiegelman, Maus II Chapter 4 <u>P:</u> Chapter 5 <u>P:</u> <u>Critical Analysis Paper Due</u>	July 28	MODULE 11 3 stories by Crucet 1) "Low Tide"; 2) "How to leave Hialeah"; 3) "Men who punched me in the face"
July 31	MODULE 12 Satrapi Veil-The Bicycle <u>P:</u> The water cell-Persepolis <u>P:</u> The letter-The Party <u>P:</u> The Heroes-Moscow <u>P:</u>	Aug 1	MODULE 12 Satrapi The Sheep-The Trip <u>P:</u> The F-14s-The Jewels <u>P:</u> The Key-Wine <u>P:</u> The Cigarette-The Passport <u>P:</u> Kim Wilde-The Shabbat <u>P:</u>	Aug 2	MODULE 12 Satrapi The Dowry-The Soup <u>P:</u> Tyrol-The Pill <u>P:</u> The Vegetable-The Horse <u>P:</u> Hide and Seek-The Croissant <u>P:</u> The Veil-The Return <u>P:</u>	Aug. 3	MODULE 12 Satrapi The Joke-Skiing <u>P:</u> The Exam-The Make Up <u>P:</u> The Convocation -The Socks <u>P:</u> The Wedding-The Satellite <u>P:</u> The End <u>P:</u> Class student evaluation Exam Review	Aug 4	<u>In-class final exam</u>

Online Reading:

King, "I have a dream" speech Text and audio:

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/mlkihaveadream.htm>