

ENGL 3706 - Introduction to Literary Theory

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Course Description

3706. Introduction to Literary Theory. Provides an introduction to literary theory and criticism for English majors, emphasizing the history and application of critical approaches to literature. By reading core works in literary theory, students will learn application of theoretical approaches to various texts. Prereq.: ENGL 1551 grade of "C" or higher. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	The Norton Anthology of Theory and Criticism, 3rd ed.	Leitch	9780393602951
Required	Literary Theory and Criticism: An Introduction, 2nd ed.	Stevens	9781554815371

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Unit 1 (readings from the textbooks are available in the Unit 1 Reading Schedule folder)	The Ancient World	Weekly Quizzes
8/31	Unit 1 (see above)	The Ancient World	Weekly Quizzes
9/7	Unit 1 (see above)	The Middle Ages and the Renaissance	Weekly Quizzes
9/14	Unit 1 (see above)	The Middle Ages and the Renaissance	Weekly Quizzes Unit 1 Exam
9/21	Unit 2 (readings from the textbooks are available in the Unit 2 Reading Schedule folder)	The Enlightenment	Weekly Quizzes
9/28	Unit 2 (see above)	The Enlightenment	Weekly Quizzes
10/5	Unit 2 (see above)	The Enlightenment	Weekly Quizzes
10/12	Unit 2 (see above)	The Enlightenment	Weekly Quizzes Unit 2 Exam
10/19	Unit 3 (readings from the textbooks are available in the Unit 3 Reading Schedule folder)	The Nineteenth Century	Weekly Quizzes
10/26	Unit 3 (see above)	The Nineteenth Century	Weekly Quizzes

11/2	Unit 3 (see above)	The Twentieth Century	Weekly Quizzes
11/9	Unit 3 (see above)	The Twentieth Century	Weekly Quizzes Unit 3 Exam
11/16	Unit 4 (readings from the textbooks are available in the Unit 4 Reading Schedule folder)	The Twentieth Century	Weekly Quizzes
11/23	Unit 4 (see above)	The Twentieth Century	Weekly Quizzes
11/30	Unit 4 (see above)	The Twenty-First Century	Weekly Quizzes
12/7	Unit 4 (see above)	The Twenty-First Century	Weekly Quizzes Final Exam

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