

Preliminary Web Course Description

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School of English and Theatre Studies

Course Code: ENGL 3940 01	Course Title: Form, Genre and Literary Value	Date of Offering: Winter 2018
Course Instructor: G. Campbell		School of English and Theatre Studies
Brief Course Synopsis: This course has one main learning outcome: students will be able to negotiate their way through four distinct schools of literary production: realism, naturalism, modernism, and postmodernism. The relation of genre to these four schools of literary form will be negotiated insofar as it might be possible to have realist, naturalist, modernist or even postmodernist version of say the detective novel. The literature on all four of the major terms of the course is extensive, but knowing realism and modernism will make it easier for the student to enter debates concerning postmodernism.		
Course Format: Seminar and discussion	Methods of Evaluation and Weights: Seminar Class participation will be included in your seminar mark. Research Project Due Week 10 Short Paper (500 words) Due Week 4 Final Paper (3000 words) Due Week 12 Final Exam	

Texts

Charles Dickens, Hard Times. (Norton)

Jack London, The Call of the Wild, White Fang, and To Build a Fire. (Modern Library)

Virginia Woolf, To the Lighthouse. (Penguin)

Marilynn Robinson, Housekeeping. (HarperCollins)

Don DeLillo, White Noise. (Penguin)

Film/dvd

Stagecoach. Dir. John Ford (1939)

Dirty Harry. Dir. Don Siegal (1971)

Rear Window. Dir. Alfred Hitchcock (1954)

Other information that you wish share about the course (optional):