UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
DÉPARTEMENT D'ÉTUDES FRANÇAISES
SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
FREN*4220 Recent Quebec Writing
(0,5 credit)
Winter 2016

Classes: Tues. & Thurs. 10am- 11:20am, MCKN 304
Office hours: Tuesdays 4pm-5pm, Wednesdays 10am-12am or by appointment
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COURSE OUTLINE

DESCRIPTION:
Students will explore recent developments in Quebec non-fiction, prose fiction and poetry beginning from the late 1990s right up until 2015. The works studied are diverse. Students will read two novels, a contemporary folk tale ("un conte"), excerpts from an essay, and a slim collection of contemporary poetry.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• This course involves recent texts, many of which are too recent to be the subject of much secondary literature. Therefore, students will be expected to combine resourcefulness and rigour in researching the material on the syllabus.
• The presentations will provide the opportunity to engage creatively with contemporary themes in poetry. Students will create new, original works and explain the conceptual links between the original and their own creative piece.
• Students will improve oral competency by expressing complex ideas in French. Active class participation involves: discussing the readings, engaging in thoughtful discussions about the lectures, and giving peer feedback on presentations.
• An equally important objective is to engage with all forms of writing in Quebec, especially forms like folk-tales, essays and poetry, which are vital to understanding Quebec’s cultural history and landscape. Essays and examinations will test comprehension of such issues that are germane to contemporary Québec society.
• Students are expected to refine their written skills in French so as to attain the precision and sophistication required in a fourth-year course.

PREREQUISITES: FREN*2030, FREN*2060. Exclusion: FREN*3220
REQUIRED TEXTS:

Essay:
Selected excerpts from :
These excerpts will be available in the form of a course pack at the university Bookstore.

Poetry:

Oral literature:

Novels:

METHOD OF PRESENTATION:
Lectures, discussions and group presentations.

COURSELINK WEBSITE:
Some readings, handouts, images and links that are shown in class are posted to this site: www.courselink.uoguelph.ca

METHOD OF EVALUATION:
Presentation (in groups of three)................................................................................................ 20%
Mid-term examination ............................................................................................................... 20%
Essay .......................................................................................................................................... 25%
Participation..................................................................................................................................5%
Final examination....................................................................................................................... 30%
(April 22 11:30am – 1:30pm)

Policy on late submissions
Late essays will be automatically penalized at the rate of 2% per day (i.e. you will lose 2% for every day that the essay is late, including weekends: so, for example, a student who submits an essay one week late will automatically lose 14% of his/her mark). Any work submitted minutes after the specified time will count as one day late.

E-mail Communication
As per University regulations, all students are required to check their <uoguelph.ca> e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the university and its students.

When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement
When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the Undergraduate Calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration: http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml

Drop Date
The last date to drop one-semester Winter 2014 courses, without academic penalty, is **Friday, March 11, 2016**. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the Undergraduate Calendar: [http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml](http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml)

**Copies of out-of-class assignments**
Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

**Student Rights and Responsibilities**
Each student at the University of Guelph has rights which carry commensurate responsibilities that involve, broadly, being a civil and respectful member of the University community. The Rights and Responsibilities are detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar: [https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/2015-2016/c01/index.shtml](https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/2015-2016/c01/index.shtml)

**Academic Misconduct**
The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and enjoins all members of the University community – faculty, staff, and students – to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar: [http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-amisconduct.shtml](http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-amisconduct.shtml)

**Recording of Materials**
Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded in any electronic media without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer.

**Resources**
The Undergraduate Calendar is the source of information about the University of Guelph’s procedures, policies and regulations which apply to undergraduate programs. It can be found at: [http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/](http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/)
If you find yourself in difficulty, contact the undergraduate advisor in your program, or the BA Counselling Office: [http://www.uoguelph.ca/baco/contact.shtml](http://www.uoguelph.ca/baco/contact.shtml)