School of English and Theatre Studies

Course Code: ENGL 1080	Course Title: Reading the Past	Date of Offering: W'21

Course Instructor: Dr. Paul Salmon	Course Format: Lectures/Discussion/Tutorials

Brief Course Synopsis:

   This course is focused on the disciplinary skill of close reading and is intended for students planning to specialize in the study of English Literature. Through a series of case studies, the course introduces students to a range of historical and national writings in prose, poetry, and drama, and to some of the key terms and concepts in contemporary literary studies. Lectures and discussions address selected works from the Renaissance onwards, the periods in which these works were produced, and some of the ways in which these texts have been or could be interpreted. ENGL*1080 and its companion course, ENGL*2080, are required for a major or minor in English. Students are encouraged to enroll in ENGL*2080 in the semester after they have completed ENGL*1080.

Methods of Evaluation and Weight:

Group Project – 5%
Close Reading Assignment 15%   350-500 words
Midterm – 20%
Creative Exercise – 10%
Essay Intro – 5%
Essay – 20%   900-1200 words
Exam – 25%

Texts and/or Resources Required (e.g. Internet access, specific textbook title, lab kit, etc.)

All course readings will be accessed via the web. No textbook purchases are required for this course.

This course counts towards the following distribution requirement(s) for students who registered at the University prior to the Fall of 2018:
ENGL 1080 is the first of two core courses required for the English Major.

Information about mode of delivery (synchronous/asynchronous/other details):
This course will have one synchronous lecture per week, one synchronous tutorial per week and extensive additional interaction with students via email and online discussion.

*Students who registered at the University of Guelph after Fall 2018 must fulfill the "new" major and minor requirements. Students who registered at the University of Guelph prior to Fall 2018 must fulfill the requirements of the Calendar in effect when they first enrolled unless they have filed a Schedule of Studies Change Request to change to the 2018-2019 calendar. For more information, please consult the major and minor checklists at https://www.uoguelph.ca/arts/sets/undergraduate/english/current-student-information.