

Preliminary Web Course Description

*Please note: This is a preliminary web course description only. The department reserves the right to change without notice any information in this description. The final, binding course outline will be distributed in the first class of the semester.

School of English and Theatre Studies

Course Code: ENGL 3960*02	Course Title: Literature in History	Date of Offering: W20
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Course Instructor: Sandra Singer	Course Format: seminar
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Brief Course Synopsis: This seminar explores fiction and non-fiction accounts of terrorism from the French Revolution to after 11 September. Various trajectories include 1880s-1920s (Russian) anarchism and 1960s-80s left-wing (Western and nationalist) terrorism, as well as post 9/11 fiction that foregrounds global, historical, and cultural context.

Methods of Evaluation and Weight:

Essay 1 Close Reading (1500 words) 15%

Literature Review and Thesis paragraph for Essay 2 (500 words) 10%

Essay 2 (2500 words) 25%

Discussion Board (best 2 out of 3 postings on CourseLink, 5% each) 10%

Two Class Presentations 40%

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

Doris Lessing, *The Good Terrorist*

Bernhard Schlink, *The Weekend*

Charles Townshend, *Terrorism: A Very Short Introduction*, 3rd ed. (2018)

Amy Waldman, *The Submission*

Additional resources available on CourseLink

This course counts towards the following distribution requirement(s) for students who registered at the University prior to the Fall of 2018: **20th/21st century**

Other information about the course (optional):

*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>.