

## 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 6811	Course Title: Special Topics in English	Date of Offering: Jan. - April 2024
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Course Instructor: Dr. S. Singer	Course Format: seminar
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#### Brief Course Synopsis:

This course provides the opportunity for study of significant works of fiction, poetry and drama within the field of Medical Humanities. Demonstrating new approaches in form and content characteristic of 20th- and 21st-century writings in English, texts concern health care and the body from post World War 1 trauma of British Modernism to current medical accounts of Canadian COVID-19 healthcare delivery. Louise Erdrich's *Future Home of the Living God* probes wider social and environmental determinants of health.

#### Methods of Evaluation and Weight:

Presentation 30%  
Seminar Response 15%  
Final Paper Proposal 15%  
Final Paper 30%  
Participation 10%

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

Bush, Catherine *Claire's Head*  
Erdrich, Louise *Future Home of the Living God*  
Leavitt, Sarah *Tangles*  
Neilson, Fraser, Dhara *The COVID Journals*

Internet access

#### Information about mode of delivery (synchronous/asynchronous/distance/in-person/other details):

In-person

\*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>.