

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*4240/6412	Course Title: Medieval and Early Modern Literature/Medieval/Renaissance Literature	Date of Offering: Fall 2019
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Course Instructor: Mark Fortier	Course Format: Seminar
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Brief Course Synopsis: The focus of this course is Shakespeare's Values. We will look at both the values our culture has attributed to Shakespeare in the past and the present and the values supported in Shakespeare's works. The first is part of a history of reception; the second is part of a movement interested in Shakespeare's ideas and Shakespeare as a thinker. In the second part we will explore various methodologies by which one might arrive at an understanding of what Shakespeare's works value: close reading, keywords, criticism, etc.

Methods of Evaluation and Weight:

Participation: 30%

Presentations: 20%

Short Essay (1500 words): 15%

Long Essay (3000 words): 35%

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

This course counts towards the following distribution requirement(s) for students who registered at the University prior to the Fall of 2018: Medieval and Early Modern Literature

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>.