

FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
COURSE OUTLINE

ENGLISH 201.05

Fall 2017

COURSE TITLE: Approaches to Literature: Stories, Various

M/W/F 12:00 – 12:50, Room: SS 109

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Homepage/course website: For course materials and announcements please see D2L.

Course description: Variation on a theme is one of the tried and true methods of composition across the arts, and in *Stories, Various* we will exercise our curiosity about the effect of variation on narrative. For example, how does a city transform when shaped by different writers? Or, how does a narrative change over two hundred years of reinvention? Which story elements alter and which stay the same when radically different artists tell the same story? Finally, what happens when contemporary authors write new variations on traditional tales? By considering the role of variation on the form and content of fiction, *Stories, Various* will expand students' strategies for reading and writing about literature.

Texts and readings:

- Montreal variations:
 1. Madeleine Thien's *The Wedding Cake*
 2. Mavis Gallant's *Varieties of Exile and 1933*
 3. Mordecai Richler's *The Summer my Grandmother was Supposed to Die* (from *The Street*)
- Gothic variations:
 1. Horace Walpole's *Castle of Otranto* *
 2. Edgar Allan Poe's *Fall of the House of Usher*
 3. Shirley Jackson's *We Have Always lived in the Castle*. *
- Classical variations:
 1. Jean Cocteau's *Beauty and the Beast*
 2. Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*
- Traditional variations:
 1. Leanne Simpson's *The Gift is in the Making* *
 2. Neil Gaiman's *Norse Mythology* *

* Texts marked with an asterisk are available for purchase at the campus bookstore. The instructor will make the other texts available as required.

Assignments and Evaluation:

Midterm Exam (15%)

The midterm exam will consist of short answer and essay-style questions. Short answer questions will ask students to demonstrate an understanding of both course readings and writing strategies discussed in lectures. Essay-style questions will require students to employ specific writing strategies to reflect on the course readings. All material discussed in class to the date of the mid-term will be covered in the examination.

First Outline and Essay (20%)

Students will write an outline according to the model discussed in lectures AND an essay of 1200 words. The instructor will provide a choice of questions. Students will choose one question and respond in the form of an essay. When grading, the instructor will consider the student's ability to answer the question with a logically coherent and fluently expressed argument, fully supported by evidence drawn from the appropriate course texts.

Second Outline and Essay (25%)

Students will write an outline according to the model discussed in lectures AND an essay of 1200 words. The instructor will provide a new choice of questions, as well as a suggestion for scholarly reading to advance the student's critical engagement. Students will choose one question and respond in the form of an essay. When grading, the instructor will consider whether or not the student demonstrates increasing mastery of all aspects of persuasive writing.

Class Leadership Assignment (15% total: 5% for question post and 10% for classroom leadership)

Early in the term, the instructor will divide students into groups and assign each group a week. On Monday of that week, each student in the group must post on D2L their own well-considered, open-ended question (1 question/student) about the upcoming assigned reading (see D2L/Schedule). On Friday, group members will use their questions to lead the class in a focused discussion of the assigned course text. The instructor will help with this process. This is NOT a presentation but an opportunity for all students to actively participate in their own learning. To this end, every student is expected to participate in the class discussion. The best questions/discussions will reappear in some form on the mid-term and the final exam, so regular attendance and participation is the best way to prepare for tests.

Final Exam (25%)

This is a Registrar's Scheduled Final Exam. Short answer questions will ask students to demonstrate a mastery of both course readings and writing strategies discussed in lectures. Essay-style questions will require students to employ specific writing strategies to reflect on the course readings. ALL course material will be covered in the examination.

→ Students must be available for examinations up to the last day of the examination period (Dec 12-22).

Please note the following information pertaining to assignments and evaluation in this course:

- Students must complete all assignments in order to receive a passing grade on the course.
- This instructor is unable to accept extra-credit assignments.

- Unless otherwise specified, assignments are due as paper copies, in class. All assignments must be printed and double-spaced, employing a legible font and 1” margins. Do not provide a title page, but on the first page include the following information: your name, the instructor’s name, the course number and section, the date, and brief, descriptive title. Please include your last name and page numbers on all subsequent pages. You MUST staple paper copies. No binders, folders or other containers, please.
- Assignments submitted after the deadline will be penalized with the loss of a third of a grade (an A- to B+) for each business day [not class] that the assignment is overdue. No assignments will be accepted one week past the assignment deadline without the prior consent of the instructor.
- Please make every effort to submit assignments directly to the instructor as directed. If it is not possible to do so, take your assignment to SS 1152 and put it in the dropbox. Your assignment will be date-stamped and placed in the instructor's mailbox. It is your responsibility to keep a copy of all assignments in case of loss by any cause. Assignments cannot be returned by staff in the Department office.

Grading system:

In this course, all essays, exams, and presentations will be marked on the University of Calgary’s four-point Grading System, as described in the Calendar:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-2.html>

A+ / A (4.0); A- (3.7); B+ (3.3); B (3.0); B- (2.7); C+ (2.3); C (2.0); C- (1.7); D+ (1.3); D (1.0); F (0)

All quizzes will receive a numerical grade, to be converted using the following scale:

90 + %	A+	4.0
85 – 89 %	A	4.0
80 – 84 %	A–	3.7
77 – 79 %	B+	3.3
74 – 76 %	B	3.0
70 – 73 %	B–	2.7
67 – 69 %	C+	2.3
64 – 66 %	C	2.0
60 – 63 %	C–	1.7
55 – 59 %	D+	1.3
50 – 54 %	D	1.0
0 – 49 %	F	0

Please note that, according to the University Calendar (F.1), instructors may use their discretion when

rounding upwards or downwards when the average of term work and exams is between two letter grades.

Although the A+ is solely an honorific that entails no additional points in the 4-point system, the course instructor will employ this mark to distinguish superlative work that exceeds expectations in style, correctness, intellectual depth and breadth, sophistication, and originality.

Electronic device and Internet use:

Students may use computers and other electronic devices for course-related activities only (e.g. note-taking). Be aware that the use of electronic devices may be distracting to other members of the class. Please be courteous in your use of such items. Gaming, inappropriate browsing, and texting are NOT acts of courtesy, and students who are a distraction to others will be asked to cease the activity or leave the classroom.

Plagiarism:

Using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting it is a serious academic offense. Consequences include failure on the assignment, failure in the course and possible suspension or expulsion from the university. Please refer to the following information and make sure you are familiar with the statement below on plagiarism.

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2-1.html>

Scribe and Muse Club for English Students:

The Scribe and Muse Reading and Writing Club (SMRWC) fosters and champions reading and writing through community service, leadership, and engagement. We strive to enhance the academic and social experience of undergraduate students by promoting academic excellence and interaction between students, faculty, and the community, through social, cultural, and academic events

<http://english.ucalgary.ca/scribe-and-muse-english-club>.

Our email address is smecuofc@gmail.com.

English Department Website:

For more information about courses, programs, policies, events and contacts in the Department of English, please go to our website at <http://english.ucalgary.ca>. Please note that the course outlines posted on the English Department website constitute the official course outline for purposes of appeals. Students should verify any hard copies against this posted version. For courses which employ numerical grades, the official departmental percentage to letter grade conversion scale is also posted on the department website.

Writing support:

The Student Success Centre offers both online and workshop writing support for U of C students.

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support>

Guidelines on e-mail Etiquette:

<http://www.enough.utoronto.ca/computeruse/eetiquette.htm>

Library and Research Support:

Christie Hurrell, Interim Librarian for English, offers research support to students, including strategies for finding articles, books, and other library materials. Contact: christie.hurrell@ucalgary.ca.

Find The English Pages research guide here: <http://libguides.ucalgary.ca/english>

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Academic regulations and schedules:

Consult the Calendar for course information, university and faculty regulations, dates, deadlines and schedules, student, faculty and university rights and responsibilities. The homepage for the University Calendar is

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/index.htm>

Grade appeals:

Consult the following University Calendar link and request advice from the English Department office, SS 1152. Please note that “mere dissatisfaction with a decision is not sufficient grounds for the appeal of a grade or other academic decision.”

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i.html>

Deferral of term work and final examinations:

Should you require an extension for completion of term papers or assignments beyond the deadline of five days after the end of lectures, an Application of Deferment of Term Work form must be completed. The University also has regulations governing the deferral of final examinations. See Calendar:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-6.html>,

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-7.html>.

Student Accommodations:

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

The student accommodation policy can be found at: [ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy](http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy).

Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities [ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy).

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available

at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf.

Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>;

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip/>

“Safewalk” Program:

Campus Security will escort individuals day or night: call 220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phone located at most parking lot pay booths.

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk/>

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources:

Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Arts Students' Centre (ASC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns. For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them in their new space on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.

For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contact for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca

Contact for Students Ombudsman's Office: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>

Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI):

"At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses (www.ucalgary.ca/usri). Your responses make a difference - please participate in USRI Surveys."

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is an extremely serious offence. Please read the following information carefully. The penalty routinely recommended by the English Department for documented plagiarism is failure of the course in which the offence occurred; academic probation is also routinely applied at the Faculty level. Suspension or expulsion can result from severe or repeated plagiarism.

The University Calendar states:

1. Plagiarism - Essentially plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Most commonly plagiarism exists when:
 - (a) the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test),
 - (b) parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author,
 - (c) the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source, and/or,
 - (d) a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted.

Plagiarism occurs when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement, or when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. Citing your sources in a bibliography is not enough, because a bibliography does not establish which parts of a student's work are taken from other sources. MLA (Modern Language Association) documentation or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose. Advice on adequate documentation can be found at the following web sites:

<http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/>

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH STATEMENT ON PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT

According to the University Calendar, (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/j.html>)

“The University of Calgary community has undertaken to be guided by the following statements of purpose and values: to promote free inquiry and debate, to act as a community of scholars, . . . , to respect, appreciate, and encourage diversity, [and] to display care and concern for community”. The Department of English, like the university as a whole, is committed to a “positive and productive learning and working environment.” This environment is characterized by appreciation and encouragement of diversity and respect for the dignity of all persons: students, support staff, and faculty. The department will not tolerate unacceptable behaviour, such as threatening gestures, threatening or abusive verbal or written communication (including e-mails), or any conduct that “seriously disrupts the lawful education and related activities of students and/or university staff”. Any cases of such misconduct should be reported immediately to the department Head, who, depending on the nature and severity of the incident, may then take further appropriate action.