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Department of English & Writing Studies

**Topics in Renaissance Literature: Paradise Lost**  
**English 3228F (001)**  
Fall 2013

**Instructor:** Dr. John Leonard

**Date/Time:** Monday 12:30pm-2:30pm  
Wednesday 1:30pm-2:30pm

**Location:** University Community College 37

Prerequisites

At least 60% in 1.0 of English 1020E or 1022E or 1024E or 1035E or 1036E or both English 1027F/G and 1028F/G, or permission of the Department.

Antirequisite(s): English 2301E, 2302F/G, 2303F/G, 2304E, 2305F/G and 2306F/G.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

**Objectives:**

Successful students who complete the course will be better able to:

- Develop an appreciation of *Paradise Lost* that unites historical observation and literary analysis. Emphasis will be placed on style, genre (the epic), and interpretative issues;
- Hone analytical and critical skills in both oral and written work;
- Develop confidence and competence in research practice.

Course Materials

Any good annotated edition of *Paradise Lost* is acceptable. The bookstore has copies of my Penguin edition (2000).

Methods of Evaluation

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| Short Essay   | 20% |
| Long Essay    | 35% |
| Participation | 10% |
| Final Exam    | 35% |

A student must receive a passing grade for both term work and the final examination in order to receive a passing grade for the course. This applies to all courses in all programs offered by the department. Students whose term and final exam grades average 50% or above, even though one of the two is a failure, shall receive a default grade of 48%. **Please note:** The department of English & Writing Studies does not release final grades. All undergraduate grade reports will be available online from the Office of the Registrar.

Students are fully responsible for looking at and being familiar with the information posted on the department website at <http://www.uwo.ca/english/undergraduate/info%20for%20students.html#grade>.

**Timetable:**

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| SEPTEMBER                              | 23 Book V  |
| 9 Introduction                         |  |
| 11 Note on the Verse and Opening lines | 28 Books V and VI<br>30 Book VI                              |
| 16 Book I                              |  |
| 18 Book I                              | NOVEMBER   |
|  | 4 Book VII and VIII  |
| 23 Book II                             | 6 Book VIII  |
| 25 Book II                             |  |
|  | 11 Book IX   |
| 30 Book II                             | 13 Book IX   |
| OCTOBER                                |  |
| 2 Book III                             | 18 Book IX <b>Essay (Term Paper) Due</b><br>20 Book IX and X |
| 7 Book III                             |  |
| 9 Book IV                              | 25 Book X<br>27 Book XI                                      |
| 14 THANKSGIVING                        |  |
| 16 Book IV <b>Short Essay Due</b>      | DECEMBER   |
|  | 2 Book XII   |
| 21 Book IV                             | 4 Conclusions  |

**Assignments:**

The Short Essay

- Write an essay on a topic (related to Milton's style) to be chosen after consultation with the instructor (1,000 words)
- Due in class, 16 October

Term Paper

- Write an essay on an interpretative issue to be chosen after consultation with the instructor (2,500 words).
- Due in class, November 18

Participation (10%). Grade based on:

- Informed weekly participation

Late Paper Policy

Late assignments. If you submit a paper after the due date but within two weeks of it, the paper will be counted as late and the following procedures will apply:

- The paper will not be read until all the assignments handed in on time have been read and returned (all papers are read in order of receipt).
- The paper will be read and a grade given, but NO COMMENTS OR CORRECTIONS will be made on it.
- The grade will be reduced by a penalty of two marks (2%) for each calendar day that it is late. Note that when a paper is late, every day counts (including weekends); however the arrangements for date stamping essays in the Department of English essay box are accepted for late essays.

PAPERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF SUBMITTED MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE DUE DATE UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

#### Accommodation

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department. Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Office of the Dean of the student's Faculty of registration, together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. The UWO Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness and further information regarding this policy can be found at [http://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/accommodation\\_medical.pdf](http://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf).

#### **Downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC):**

[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf)

#### Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf)

#### **Plagiarism:**

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

#### **Plagiarism Checking:**

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com <http://www.turnitin.com>.

Support Services

Registrarial Services <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

Student Support Services <https://student.uwo.ca/psp/heprdweb/?cmd=login>

Services provided by the USC <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Student Development Centre <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to MentalHealth@Western:  
<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.