

Department of English & Writing Studies

Global Literatures in English Survey
English 2601E (001)
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Course Location: Talbot College 205

Course Date/Time: T 8:30-9:30 am & TH
8:30-10:30am

Office hours: TBA

Antirequisite(s): English 2361E, 2362F/G, 2363F/G and English 3884E, or the former English 2310E.

Prerequisite(s): At least 60% in 1.0 of English 1020E or 1022E or 1024E or 1035E or 1036E or 1042E or both of English 1027F/G and 1028F/G or permission of the Department.

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.

Course Description

This course encourages students to explore literary traditions outside that of canonical English literature. We look at novels, plays and poetry from different literary traditions and innovations, and from such diverse geographic regions as Asia, Africa, Australia, South America, and the Caribbean. Through close reading of literary texts written in English, students will explore how cultures produce different--often competing--ways of making meaning.

Course Materials

Required texts (available at Book Store):

Chinua Achebe: *Things Fall Apart*
Wole Soyinka: *Death and the King's Horseman*
V.S. Naipaul: *A Bend in the River*
Derek Walcott: Selected poems (handout)
Arundhati Roy: *God of Small Things*
Zadie Smith: *White Teeth*
Kate Grenville: *The Secret River*
Chimamanda Adichie: *Americanah*

Methods of Evaluation

Assessment: 60% of the total mark is set aside for writing assigned during the term and 40% for the final examination. You must receive a passing grade for **both** term work **and** the final exam to receive a passing grade in the course. Students who fail the final examination (regardless of their term mark) automatically fail the course. Essays must be handed in before or on the due date; no extensions will be granted unless discussed with the instructor at least a week **before** the date on which the essay is due. Please retain a copy of the final draft of each essay; if a submitted essay is lost, you will be asked to submit the duplicate for grading.

Assessment Schedule:

In-class test 1	10%
Assignment 1 (2000 words)	20%
Assignment 2 (2000 words)	25%
Attendance and participation	5%
Final examination	40%

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/Student%20Information.html>.

The final examination will test your familiarity with **all the primary texts** covered in the course. During the examination, and for the in-class assignment, the use of texts, notes, or electronic devices is not permitted.

Assignments: For assignment 1, students must have a Works Cited page with at least **two** secondary sources (works other than the primary texts). For assignment 2, students must have a Works Cited page with at least **four** secondary sources. Secondary sources may include introductions/afterwords to the texts studied and works from the coursepack. Students may consult me and/or send me early drafts of assignments. I will be available in my office during office hours, and I normally respond to e-mails within eight hours.

Late assignments: A penalty of one mark per day (including weekends) will be imposed for late essays beginning the first day after the deadline. No essays will be accepted after the tenth day. Essays submitted after that day will be accepted only on (a) humanitarian grounds, or (b) medical grounds, for which written proof must be provided to the Office of the Academic Dean. No essay will be accepted after the last day of classes unless (a) or (b) above apply, or the student has received prior permission from the instructor. **Late essays not handed in at class may be dropped off in the mailbox outside the English department office.** All essays dropped off after 4:00 p.m. on a Friday will be date-stamped the following Monday. Essays should be placed in an envelope and addressed to the professor.

Attendance and participation:

The UWO calendar states: "Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class... in any course, will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning is given). On the recommendation of the department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of the Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the

regular examination in the course...". Class attendance is important: 5% of the overall grade is set aside for this component. In addition, overheads and/or PowerPoints will be used during lectures, and **not all** the material used will appear on WebCt; so only those who attend all (or a majority of) the classes will have access to this material.

Timetable:

Sep 12, 14	Introduction; theories of the novel (Lukacs, Watt, Said); <i>Things Fall Apart</i>
Sep 19, 21, 26, 28	<i>Things Fall Apart</i>
Sep 28, Oct 3, 5, 17	<i>Death and the King's Horseman</i> In-class test Oct 5th
Oct 19, 24, 26, Nov 2, 9	<i>A Bend in the River</i>
Nov 14, 16, 21	Analysis of the novel and approaches
Nov 23, 28, 30	Walcott: selected poems Assignment 1 due Nov 23rd
Dec 5, 7	<i>God of Small Things</i>
	Mid-year exam period
Jan 9, 11, 16	<i>God of Small Things</i>
Jan 18, 23	Women and the novel form
Jan 25, 30, Feb 1, 6, 8, 13	Zadie Smith: <i>White Teeth</i>
Feb 15, 27, Mar 1, 6, 8	Grenville: <i>The Secret River</i>
Mar 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29	Adichie: <i>Americanah</i> Assignment 2 due Mar 20th
April 3, 5, 10	Review

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.

Downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC):

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

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>.

All instances of plagiarism will be reported to the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. Proven cases of plagiarism will result in a grade of zero for the assignment. Subsequent offences will result in failure for the course.

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.