

Department of English & Writing Studies

English 3353F (001)**The Woman Question: Nineteenth-Century Women Writers**

Fall/Winter 2023-24

Prerequisites: At least 60% in 1.0 of English 1020-1999 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

In the nineteenth century, women readers and women writers were an important part of the new mass market for English literature, often leading in the emergent campaign for women's rights. This course will discuss these and other issues in fiction, non-fiction, and poetry by women from the 1790s to 1900. 3 hours, 0.5 course

Objectives:

By the end of the course, successful students will be able to:

- demonstrate increased proficiency in research about nineteenth-century British literature
- present their analysis of nineteenth-century writings by and about women in a clear, compelling, and concise prose style free from technical errors

Course Materials

Required Texts (all Broadview editions):

Mary Barton (1848)

Written by: Elizabeth Gaskell

Edited by: Jennifer Foster

East Lynne (1861)

Written by: Ellen Wood

Edited by: Andrew Maunder

Lady Audley's Secret (1862)

Written by: Mary Elizabeth Braddon

Edited by: Natalie M. Houston

The Clever Woman of the Family (1880)

Written by: Charlotte Mary Yonge

Edited by: Clare A. Simmons

The Romance of a Shop (1888)

Written by: Amy Levy

Edited by: Susan Bernstein

Methods of Evaluation

The grade for the course will be arrived at as follows:

Essay 1: 15%

Length: 1500 words

Format: MLA or undergraduate research essays

Due: Oct. 12, 2023

Submit as an attachment in Word via OWL only.

Topics TBA.

Annotated Bibliography: 20%

Length: 2000 words

Format: MLA for undergraduate research essays

Due: Oct. 26, 2023

Instructions: TBA

Essay 2: 25%

Length: 2500 words

Format: MLA for undergraduate research essays

Due: Nov.23, 2023

Submit as an attachment in Word via OWL only.

Topics TBA.

Attendance: 5%

Sliding scale for attendance grade:

Days missed	Grade.
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0-2	5/5
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3-5	4/5
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6-7	3/5
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8-9	2/5
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10	1/5
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Final Exam: 35%

Length: 2 hours

Dec. 2023

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>.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory in all classes and tutorials. In cases of excessive absenteeism (e.g. more than 9 unexcused hours for a half course, 18 for a full course), which are not accounted for by either academic consideration or accommodation, students may be debarred from taking the final examination, and will receive an official warning to this effect by or before the course drop date (see Senate policy). In classes with or without final exams, students who do not attend class will receive 0% for course participation grades. Unless other policies dictate a different set of penalties in specific English and Writing Studies programs, this will apply to all department programs.

Intellectual Property/Copyright

All instructor-written materials (e.g. PowerPoints, lecture notes, oral lectures) for this course are created solely for students' personal use within the course, and remain the instructor's intellectual property. Further reproduction, fixation, distribution, transmission, dissemination, communication, or any other uses, without securing the consent of the copyright owner (the course instructor) may be an infringement of copyright. You may not distribute, email, or otherwise communicate these materials to any other person. These limitations extend to recording, photographing, or sharing lectures (online or in-person) and lecture material without permission. Posting the instructor's content from this course to online course sharing sites like OneClass or Course Hero without permission is both an infringement of intellectual property law and a violation of academic integrity guidelines. The instructor will pass these cases on to the Western University Ombudsperson or their Department Chair as appropriate.

Additional Information

All overdue essays will receive a penalty of 1% per day late.

Essays must follow current MLA format and must include a list of Works Cited at the end (see *MLA Handbook* for details).

Essays must be on works studied in this section of the course.

Email Policy: Email is meant for brief inquiries only. Please allow a day or two for a response. Email received over the weekend will be answered the following week.

Accommodation Policies

Students with disabilities work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#).

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth (either alone or in combination) 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 Student Medical Certificate (SMC) can be found at https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf.

The full policy is set out here:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

Religious Accommodation:

Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the [Western Multicultural Calendar](#).

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.

Statement on Gender-Based and Sexual Violence

Western is committed to reducing incidents of gender-based and sexual violence and providing compassionate support to anyone who has gone through these traumatic events. If you have experienced gender-based or sexual violence (either recently or in the past), you will find information about support services for survivors, including emergency contacts, [here](#). To connect with a case manager or set up an appointment, please contact support@uwo.ca.

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/>

Academic Support & Engagement <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.

Timetable

Sept.7	Introduction
Sept.12-14	Introduction continued.
Sept.19-21	<i>Mary Barton</i> (1848)
Sept.26-28	<i>Mary Barton</i> (1848)
Oct.3-5	<i>East Lynne</i> (1861); Essay 1 Due Oct.5 (15%)
Oct.10-12	<i>East Lynne</i> (1861)
Oct.17-19	<i>Lady Audley's Secret</i> (1862)
Oct.24-26	<i>Lady Audley's Secret</i> (1862); Annotated Bibliography Due Oct.26 (20%)
Oct.31-Nov.2	FALL READING WEEK: NO CLASS
Nov.7-9	<i>The Clever Woman of the Family</i> (1880)
Nov.14-16	<i>The Clever Woman of the Family</i> (1880)
Nov.21-23	<i>The Romance of a Shop</i> (1888); Essay 2 Due Nov.23 (25%)
Nov.28-30	<i>The Romance of a Shop</i> (1888)
Dec.5-7	Victorian Tea Party!
Dec.TBA	Final Exam (2 hours, 35%)