

ENL 2022.1215 Survey of British Literature: London of Affluence & Anger

T Period 7 & R Period 7-8, MAT 0113

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Course Description

London - its market places and theatres, its financial districts and slums - as a center of consumption and display is both a place of festivity and a site of lost identity. From Romantic poetry to gothic horror, from Victorian decadence to crime fiction, the vast body of London in literature offers insight into the political, cultural, social, economic, and aesthetic atmospheres that define the shifting British borders and diverse peoples. In this course, we will study how writers respond to the anxieties and desires of their times. We will examine how writers depicted radicalism, class, landscape and the sublime of Romanticism, as we investigate the erratic and violent fantasies to the uncanny and supernatural happenings of the gothic. We will explore how literature balanced fear, entertainment, and social commentary and reflected attitudes of sexuality, gender, science, spirituality, class, and immigration. We will implement literary theories of Marxism, psychoanalysis, feminism, post/colonialism, critical race theory, and post/structuralism to craft techniques to help us discover the multiple meanings embedded in our readings.

Course Materials

Burgess, Anthony, *A Clockwork Orange*. New York: W.W. Norton, 2008. Print. ISBN: 9780393312836

Dickens, Charles. *Oliver Twist*. New York: Penguin Classics, 2003. Print. ISBN: 9780141439747

Ford, Mark, ed. *London: A History in Verse*. Boston: Belknap Press, 2015. Print. ISBN: 9780674088047

Gardner, Janet E. *Reading and Writing about Literature: A Portable Guide*. 3rd ed. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2012. Print. ISBN: 9781457606496

Moore, Alan, and David Lloyd. *Vfor Vendetta*. New York: Vertigo, 2008. Print. ISBN: 9781401208417

Smith, Zadie. *White Teeth*. New York: Vintage International, 2001. Print. ISBN: 9780375703867

Other reading materials accessible in our E-learning/Canvas course site include:

Chesterton, G.K. "The Blue Cross"

Christie, Agatha. "The Adventure of the Cheap Flat"

Disraeli, Benjamin. *Sybil, or the Two Nations*

Doyle, Arthur Conan. "The Man with the Twisted Lip"

Orczy, Baroness Emma. "The Regent's Park Murder"

Phillips, Mike. "Personal Woman"

Rushdie, Salman. "Chekov and Zulu" and "The Courier"

Sayers, Dorothy L. "The Haunted Policeman"

Shaw, George Bernard. *Pygmalion*

Wilde, Oscar. *The Importance of Being Ernest*

Course Outcomes

Upon completing Survey of British Literature, you will be able to:

1. Illustrate critical evaluation and understanding of culturally diverse authors and texts;
2. Develop and demonstrate academic inquiry and research methods of literary and cultural issues relevant to the course texts;
3. Cultivate critical and analytical thinking and evaluation informed by literary theory and criticism;
4. Identify and construct effective clear, concise, and persuasive academic writing through multiple genres;
5. Formulate, draft, edit, and revise critical research study that incorporates scholarly analysis.

Course Assignments and Evaluation

Complete assignment prompts with their corresponding rubrics are located within the E-learning/Canvas course site.

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| Analytical Reading Responses | 20% |
| Responses help students develop close reading skills. In each analytical response, students will propose arguments to specified prompts. Your responses will provide concise, developed analyses establishing dialectics with class discussions and readings. After initial postings, students are required to provide meaningful comments to at least two of their classmates' posts. | |
| Close Reading Assessments | 30% |
| A midterm and a final assessment will evaluate how well students closely read and analyze the course texts. Through identifications and critiques, students will demonstrate knowledge of the texts and understanding of literary terminology. | |
| Discussion Leader Presentation | 5% |
| Each student will conduct one presentation on a critical article to examine topics in the course readings. The presentation will demonstrate analytical assessments and responses that lead to critical discussion questions to build methodologies for probing specific themes and tropes. | |
| Critical Analysis Essay | 25% |
| Selecting among literary texts in the course, students will demonstrate critical reading, information synthesis, and comparative analysis. Students will provide a brief proposal to generate ideas for their prospective research to prepare for their critical analysis. | |
| Participation | 20% |
| Participation includes attendance, assigned readings, progress conferences, creative projects, in-class writing and oral activities, and class discussions. In this discussion-based course, students are expected to regularly make significant and thoughtful contributions. | |

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| TOTAL | 100% |
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| Grading Scale | | | | | | | |
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| A | 93-100% | B | 83-86.9% | C | 73-76.9% | D | 63-66.9% |
| A- | 90-92.9% | B- | 80-82.9% | C- | 70-72.9% | D- | 60-62.9% |
| B+ | 87-89.9% | C+ | 77-79.9% | D+ | 67-69.9% | E | 0-59.9% |

General Assessment Rubric

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| A | Insightful: You did what the assignment asked for at a high quality level, with care and precision, and your work shows originality and creativity. Work in this range shows all the qualities listed below for a “B,” but it also demonstrates that you took extra steps to be original or creative in developing content, solving a problem, or developing a style. Work in the “A” range is not only correct and intriguing, but also illuminating. Since careful editing and proofreading are essential in writing, papers in the A range must be free of typos and grammatical or mechanical errors. |
| B | Proficient: You did what the assignment asked of you at a high quality level. Work in this range is competent, thoughtful, and considered, but it needs revision. To be in the “B” range, an essay must be complete in content, be well organized, and show special attention to style. |
| C | Satisfactory: You did what the assignment asked of you and demonstrated that you have a generalized comprehension of the ideas/films/essays you’re working with. Work in this range needs significant revision, but it is complete in content and the organization is logical. Diction may be imprecise or unclear. The style is straightforward but unremarkable. |
| D | Poor: You did what the assignment asked of you at a poor quality level. Work in this range needs significant revision. The content is often incomplete and/or the organization is hard to discern. Support is irrelevant, overgeneralized, lacks validity, and/or is absent. Ideas/texts are oversimplified. Work in this range may have no thesis statement, or may stray significantly from the thesis throughout the essay. Attention to style is often nonexistent or uneven. |
| E | An E is usually reserved for people who don't do the work, or don't come to class, or those who have plagiarized. However, if your work shows little understanding of the needs of the assignment or demonstrates that you put little effort in completing it, you will receive a failing grade. |

Course Policies

Participation and Attendance

Regular attendance and active participation are **crucial and required**. Class participation includes contributing to class discussions; coming to class on time, prepared with books and homework; preparing for in-class activities; providing adequate drafts for group work; collaborating and participating in group activities; and overall working and paying close attention to the lectures and activities of the classroom. In general, students are expected to contribute constructively to each class session.

In this course we will follow a strict attendance policy. **You will lose 10% of course participation points for each absence beyond three periods. If you miss more than six periods during the term, you will fail the entire course. Missing double-period class meetings constitutes two absences.** The university exempts from this policy **only** those absences involving university-sponsored events, such as athletics and band, and religious holidays. Absences related to university-sponsored events must be discussed with me prior to the date that will be missed. Absences, even for extraordinary reasons will result in missing work that cannot be made up; therefore, you can expect absences to have a negative impact on grades. For more information on UF's attendance policies, see: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/reaulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

Please Note: If you are absent, it is your responsibility to make yourself aware of all due dates and required work. You will not earn credit for any in-class activity you miss due to absence. If absent due to a scheduled event, you are still responsible for turning assignments in on time.

Tardiness: Tardiness creates a problem for the entire class since it can disrupt work in progress. Tardiness will be reflected in lost participation points.

Classroom Conduct

Please treat your classmates and myself with respect. Keep in mind that UF students come from diverse cultural, economic, and ethnic backgrounds. Some of the texts we will discuss and write about engage controversial topics and opinions. Diversified student backgrounds combined with provocative texts require that you demonstrate respect for ideas that may differ from your own. Disrespectful behavior will result in dismissal, and accordingly absence, from the class. Any use of electronic devices not related to classroom learning: phones, personal data assistants, iPods, etc. are disruptive and will not be tolerated. Please put them on silent and keep them out of sight.

Assignment Maintenance Responsibilities

You are responsible for maintaining copies of all work submitted in this course and retaining all returned, marked work until the semester is over. Should the need arise for a resubmission of papers or a review of marked papers, it is your responsibility to have and to make available this material.

Late Work Policy and Mode of Submission

I do not accept late work. All papers will be submitted as MS Word (.doc or .docx) documents to E-learning/Canvas by **11:59pm on the designated due date.** I may consider extenuating circumstances, but you must contact me at least twenty-four hours before the assignment is due. All assignments and postings should be polished and presented in a professional manner. All papers must be in 12-point Times New Roman font, single-spaced with 1-inch margins and numbered pages.

Final Grade Appeals

Students may appeal a final grade by filling out a form available from Carla Blount, Program Assistant in Department of English. Grade appeals may result in a higher, unchanged, or lower final grade.

University Policies

General Education

This is a General Education course providing student learning outcomes listed in the Undergraduate Catalog. For more information, see

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/advising/info/general-education-program.aspx>.

Statement of Composition (C) and Humanities (H) Credit

This course can satisfy the UF General Education requirement for Composition or Humanities.

For more information, see: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/advising/info/general-education-program.aspx#requirements>.

Statement of Writing Requirement

This course can provide 6000 words toward fulfillment of the UF requirement for writing. For more information, see: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/advising/info/writing-requirement.aspx>.

Students with Disabilities

The University of Florida complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Disability Resource Center in the Dean of Students Office provides information and support regarding accommodations for students with disabilities. For more information, see:

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>. The office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation.

Statement of Harassment

UF provides an educational and working environment that is free from sex discrimination and sexual harassment for its students, staff, and faculty. For more about UF policies regarding harassment, see: <http://www.hr.ufl.edu/eo/sexharassment.htm>.

Statement on Academic Honesty

All students must abide by the Student Honor Code. For more information about academic honesty, including definitions of plagiarism and unauthorized collaboration, see:

<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code>.

Course Schedule

5 January - 8 January

Subject: Introduction to Survey of British Literature: London of Affluence and Anger

Readings: *Reading and Writing about Literature* Chapters 1-2, 5-7 (7 Jan)
Nursery Rhymes (7 Jan)

11 January - 15 January

Subject: The City, Its Sublime, Its Gothic

Readings: Samuel Johnson, "from London;" William Whitehead, "The Sweepers;" Anna Letitia Barbauld, "Song for the London Volunteers" (12 Jan)
Hannah More, "from The Gin-Shop;" William Blake, "Holy Thursday," "The

Chimney Sweeper,” “London” (14 Jan)

Posts: Presentation Sign-Up (12 Jan)

Reading Response 1 : Speaker (12 Jan)

19 January - 22 January (Martin Luther King Day 18 January)

Subject: The City, Its Sublime, Its Gothic

Readings: William Wordsworth, “The Reverie of Poor Susan,” “Composed Upon Westminster Bridge, September 3, 1802;” Lord Byron, “from Don Juan” (19 Jan)

Percy Bysshe Shelley, “from Letter to Maria Gisborne;” John Keats, “On Seeing the Elgin Marbles,” “Lines on the Mermaid Tavern;” Letitia Elizabeth Landon, “Scenes in London: Piccadilly” (21 Jan)

Posts: Reading Response 2: Assonance and Consonance (19 Jan)

25 January - 29 January

Subject: The Great Wen as Victorian

Readings: *Oliver Twist* Chapters 1-8 (26 Jan)

Oliver Twist Chapters 9-24 (28 Jan)

Posts: Reading Response 3: Meter (26 Jan)

1 February - 5 February

Subject: The Great Wen as Victorian

Readings: *Oliver Twist* Chapters 25-32 (2 Feb)

Oliver Twist Chapters 33-47 (4 Feb)

Posts: Reading Response 4: Characterization (2 Feb)

8 February - 12 February

Subject: The Great Wen as Victorian

Readings: *Oliver Twist* Chapters 48-53 (9 Feb)

Benjamin Disraeli, *Sybil, or the Two Nations* Book 2 Chapter 5; Arthur Conan Doyle, “The Man with the Twisted Lip;” Alfred Lord Tennyson, “from In Memoriam;” Robert Browning, “from Waring;” Elizabeth Barrett Browning, “from Aurora Leigh” (11 Feb)

Posts: Reading Response 5: Symbolism (9 Feb)

15 February - 19 February

Subject: The Great Wen as Victorian

Readings: George Eliot, “In a London Drawingroom;” Dante Gabriel Rossetti, “Tiber, Nile, and Thames;” Coventry Patmore, “A London Fête” (16 Feb)

Thomas Hardy, “Beyond the Last Lamp;” “Coming Up Oxford Street: Evening,” “To a Tree in London;” Mary E. Coleridge, “In London Town” (18 Feb)

Posts: Reading Response 6: Imagery (16 Feb)

22 February - 26 February

Subject: The Great Wen as Victorian

Readings: *The Importance of Being Ernest* Act 1 (23 Feb)

The Importance of Being Ernest Acts 2-3 (25 Feb)

Posting Due: Reading Response 7: Diction (23 Feb)

Assignment Due: Close Reading Assessment Midterm (25 Feb)

29 February - 4 March (Spring Break)

No Class

7 March - 11 March

Subject: The Smoke in the Modern and Beyond

Readings: *Pygmalion* Acts 1-2 (8 Mar)

Pygmalion Acts 3-5 (10 Mar)

Posts: Reading Response 8: Melody and Spectacle (10 Mar)

14 March - 18 March

Subject: The Smoke in the Modern and Beyond

Readings: G.K. Chesterton, "The Blue Cross;" Baroness Emma Orczy, "The Regent's Park Murder;" Agatha Christie, "The Adventure of the Cheap Flat;" Dorothy L. Sayers, "The Haunted Policeman" (15 Mar)

A Clockwork Orange Parts 1-2 (17 Mar)

Posts: Reading Response 9: Metaphor (17 Mar)

21 March - 25 March

Subject: The Smoke in the Modern and Beyond

Readings: *A Clockwork Orange* Part 3 (22 Mar)

Salman Rushdie, "Chekov and Zulu," "The Courier;" Mike Phillips, "Personal Woman" (24 Mar)

Posts: Reading Response 10: Tone (24 Mar)

28 March - 1 April

Subject: The Smoke in the Modern and Beyond

Readings: *Vfor Vendetta* Book 1 (29 Mar)

Vfor Vendetta Books 2-3 (31 Mar)

Reading and Writing about Literature Chapters 3, 8 (31 Mar)

Posts: Critical Analysis Topics and Questions (29 Mar, 3 Apr)

Reading Response 11 : Point of View (31 Mar)

4 April - 8 April

Subject: The Smoke in the Modern and Beyond

Readings: *White Teeth* Chapters 1-4 (5 Apr)

White Teeth Chapters 5-10 (7 Apr)

Posts: Critical Analysis Scholarly Research (5 Apr)

Reading Response 12: Setting (7 Apr)

11 April - 15 April

Subject: The Smoke in the Modern and Beyond

Readings: *White Teeth* Chapters 11-13 (12 Apr)

White Teeth Chapters 14-20 (14 Apr)

Posts: Critical Analysis Detailed Outline (12 Apr, 17 Apr)

Reading Response 13: Theme (14 Apr)

18 April - 20 April

Subject: The Future of London's Affluence and Anger

Assignment Due: Close Reading Assessment Final (19 Apr)

25 April - 29 April Finals Week

Assignment Due: Critical Analysis Essay (28 Apr)

*Progress Conferences

You are required to set up at least two (2) progress conferences with me - the first by 25 February and the second by 14 April - to discuss the presentations and writing assignments you are working on. The conferences will take place in my office preferably during my office hours. It is up to you to schedule your progress conferences by emailing me in advance.