ENGL 2316.003 Fall 2017

Literature of Western World: Hipster Lit
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Course Information
11:00-12:15 TR  RM 112 Center of Instruction (CI) | (CI number 3 on online map)

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Course Description
In this Course, we will examine the Sturm und Drang of the human condition from the late 17th century to 21st century through its cultural texts that, in the words of Bertolt Brecht, "hammer" the shape of our reality. We will read from a range of literary genres, as well as exploring other cultural texts (e.g., music and visual art). As we read, we will consider the significant shifts that individuals and groups in the Western Hemisphere have as they rise or fall within cultural constraints. Our goal will be to determine how difference has marked and shaped Western thinking through cultures and literatures of those on the margins. Some of the questions that will guide our study are: how do customs considered unacceptable to society become acceptable? What constitutes difference and where are the marks and shapes today here and now? Why the sacred and the taboo are one in the same? What profound historical, social and cultural connections with our times are in these texts? How do we respond critically through written and oral rhetoric to these texts and connections?

Course Objectives:
1. To consider how ideas, values, beliefs, and other aspects of culture express and affect human experience by examining the connections between literary works and their social, historical, and cultural contexts.
2. To use literature to explore ideas that foster aesthetic and intellectual creation in order to understand the human condition across cultures and nationalities.
3. To recognize the distinctive characteristics of relevant literary periods, genres, and writers.
4. To understand and use basic literary terms and concepts.
5. To develop analytic skills by close reading, class discussion, and writing.
6. To use writing as a tool for learning.

Student Learning Objectives:
Students who successfully complete this course will be able to demonstrate knowledge and skills in four Core Objectives defined by the Higher Education Coordinating Board of the State of Texas:
Critical Thinking:
CT1. Generate and communicate ideas by combining, changing, or reapplying existing information.

Communication Skills:
CS1. Develop, interpret, and express ideas through written communication.

Social Responsibility:
SR1. Demonstrate intercultural competence.

Personal Responsibility:
PR1. Connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision making

Course Grade
- 20% Active participation in class discussion (SLO CT1, CS1, SR1 & PR1)
  - (15%) In-class writing assignments
  - (5%) Class Attendance
- 20% Team Video (SLO CT1, CS1, SR1 & PR1)
  - (5%) Proposal (9.21.17)
  - (10%) Team Video
  - (5%) Self-Assessment
- 15% Take Home Essay #1 (10.5.17) (SLO CT1, CS1, SR1 & PR1)
  - Complete Draft of Essay #1 is due (9.28.17)
- 10% Midterm Examination (10.10.17) (SLO CT1, CS1, SR1 & PR1)
  - Material covered between 8.29.17-10.10.17, including, texts, quizzes, handouts, presentations, movies and music.
- 20% Take Home Essay #2 Due (12.4.17) (SLO CT1, CS1, SR1 & PR1)
  - Complete Draft of Essay #2 is due (11.21.17)
- 15% Final Examination (12.14.17) (SLO CT1, CS1, SR1 & PR1)
  - Material covered between 10.11.17-12.14.17, including, texts, quizzes, handouts, presentations, movies and music.

Grades will not be on Blackboard! If you are concerned about a grade, see me during office hours.

Course Requirements

Attendance and Class Participation
- Attendance: you have two (2) days free to miss for the whole semester including health issues unless sanctioned by the university. For each absence after the two (2) a loss of one (1) percentage point will be deducted from your grade up to five (5%) maximum.
- In-class writing assignments are sometimes a group effort or by an individual that concerns material due on that given day. Be prepared to write every day in class that means you need to have paper and a pen/pencil every day, plus a copy of the text being discussed on that particular day. On review days, students are required to bring all texts included in that particular examination.
• In-class discussion is vital for all students in understanding these texts even if that discussion may take place in the office or through email.
• All cell phones will be turned off, placed upside down in front of you on the desk before each class starts. You will be asked to turn phone off once and if phone use persists then you will be told to leave the classroom.

Team Video
Every student will prepare and present a group video that either concentrates on the cultural, social, historical or poetic context of the subject.

1. Sign up by 1.27—three people maximum to a topic!
2. Each student will participate in writing the script used to create a 5-7 minute video.
3. All Team video Proposal is due on February 8th.
4. Each student will participate in the writing of the Artist Statement that details the reasoning behind the components of the script and video concerning the topic.
5. Each group will meet with Mr. Murphy at least one week before the presentation due date with a full draft of the script in hand.
6. Each group will be graded by a specific Rubric
7. The video will be uploaded to YouTube and broadcasted in class.
8. A Self-Assessment of the preparation of the presentation is due the day of the presentation in which each member will grade themselves and their group mates.
9. HAVE FUN!

Required Texts
You will read each text, so buy them. In most cases, the assigned readings will include materials not covered in class. As such, it is absolutely essential that you read the assignments before class in order to succeed in this course. You may use your laptop and/or tablet to read an electronic version of the texts or to take notes. Using phones to read material will not be allowed (you will be told to put away your phone).

- Select materials, available as handouts or online
- In class DVDs

Essays (turned in on Blackboard)
You will be required to write (2) take home essays
• A Guide to Writing each essay is out lined here.
• Due dates for each essay:
- 10.5.17 Essay 1 (15%)
  - Rough draft due 9.28.17
- 12.4.17 Essay 2 (20%)
  - Rough draft due 11.21.17

**Examinations**

All exams are to be taken in blue books (1 per exam). These may be purchased at the university bookstore. Do not, under any circumstances, remove any pages from your blue book before turning it in. All cell phones will be turned off and put away before you will receive each examination.

- There will be a Midterm (10.10.17) and a Final Examination (12.14.17)
- Each exam will include Identifications and definitions (40%), and short answer questions (60%).
  - The definitions questions will be drawn from the lectures and a list of identifications from the readings, presentations & other materials.
  - The short answer questions will be drawn from the lectures and a list of identifications from the readings, presentations & other materials.

**October Movie Series:**

On October 10 (Repo Man), 17 & 24 (Arrival), instructors in the sophomore literature program will host a free film screening on campus. After the film, the host for the evening will hold a short discussion on the film and make connections to the material they are addressing in their classes. These events are designed to build community around the study of film and literature, and students are encouraged to bring their friends for a fun evening on campus. If students attend two of the three screenings for the semester, they are eligible to write a short essay on the two films for 10 extra credit points (towards In Class Writing Grade). Extra credit assignments will be due on October 31, 2017. In addition, raffle tickets will be handed out at each film screening, and a drawing will be held during the final screening for a special prize provided by the English Department.

**Course Policies**

**Make-up Work**

All make up work must be previously arranged or it will not be accepted.

**Make-up Midterm Examination**

For students who miss the scheduled midterm, the makeup midterm will be on at 3:00 on Friday October 27th in Mr. Murphy's office FC 270B. You should immediately reserve this date and time on your calendar; if you miss the scheduled exam, this is the time you will take the makeup, so you need to reserve the date and time at the beginning of the semester. The makeup will come from the same materials and review guides as the regular exams. Because of the nature of the course, however, students are strongly advised to take the exams at the originally scheduled times.

**Grade Appeals**
As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures (available at http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/rules_procedures/assets/13.02.99.C2.01_student_grade_appeal_procedure.pdf). For complete details on the process of submitting a formal grade appeal, please visit the College of Liberal Arts website, http://cla.tamucc.edu/about/student-resources.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Associate Dean’s Office.

Assistance
Office hours are intended to make this course less forbidding. Feel free to come by and talk with me about your work, or about literature in general, during the office hours listed. If you cannot make these times, ask me for an appointment.

Freedom of Speech
Feel free to raise your hand with a question or comment. Reducing confusion, providing clarification, or responding to student curiosity is an important part of the classroom process and will be undertaken to the extent that time and class size permit. In most cases, if you did not understand something, it is because I did not explain it clearly, so you will be doing your colleagues and yourself a service if you request a clarification. However, all students' using electronic devices that are not in use for course work is deemed Disruptive Behavior and student will be told to leave the seminar.

Academic Integrity & Dishonesty Specifically Article III, #1 in the Violations of the Student Code of Conduct.
Cheating or plagiarism on an assignment or test, or failure to complete any of the course requirements, will result in a zero grade for the assignment in question. Our University catalog defines "plagiarism" as "the presentation of the work of another as one's own work." Please note that plagiarizing someone else's work may lead to an F in the course. To avoid any suspicion of plagiarism, make sure that you always cite your sources properly and clearly identify your own work if you study with other students. Cases will be reported to university officials for further action. Also, anyone signing another student's name may lead to an F in the course for all concerned parties.

Dropping a Class
I hope no student needs to drop this course. However, events sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. The University has set November 15th as the last day to drop a course for the semester with an automatic grade of “W.”

Acceptance of Diversity
We are the most diverse campus, in terms of self-declared ethnicity, in the Texas A&M system.
This means that we are all meeting and working with people who are different from ourselves in terms of their identities: whether that be defined by their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and/or religion. Respecting and accepting difference is vital to your success in this class, on this campus, and in the global community.

**Disability Services**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Corpus Christi Hall, Room #116. If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

**The Writing Center**

The Writing Center of Texas A&M Corpus Christi provides free help for students at any stage in the writing process. Writing Center consultants are trained to work with writers one-on-one to help them find ideas, organize their thoughts, cite sources, and succeed at all aspects of the writing task. The Writing Center works closely with faculty across campus to understand the writing projects they assign and to help students meet the expectations of those assignments. The Writing Center is located in Glasscock Center (GSSC) 112, in the Center for Academic Student Achievement (CASA). Both drop-in and scheduled appointments are available. The Writing Center will be open soon. More information is available at: The Writing Center website.

**Academic Advising**

The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. Degree plans are prepared in the CLA Academic Advising Center. The University uses an online Degree Audit system. Any amendment must be approved by the Department Chair and the Office of the Dean. All courses and requirements specified in the final degree plan audit must be completed before a degree will be granted. The CLA Academic Advising Office is located in Driftwood #203. For more information please call 361-825-3466.

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**Course Outline**

**Weeks 1-2** What is wrong with Enlightenment! *Sturm und Drang* (Storm and Stress).
Readings from *Poems for the Millennium, Volume Three: The University of California Book of Romantic & Postromantic Poetry* (known as *PM* from here out) & *The Portable Beat Reader* (known as *BR* from here out)

**Weeks 3-6** What’z up with Modernism! Nuclear Holocaust.
Readings from: *PM*, *BR* and begin part I of *On The Road* (known as *OTR* from here out).
Weeks 7-8 Organic Misappropriation of Health: “Looking for an angry fix”
Readings from: PM, BR and Part II of On The Road

Weeks 9-11 Sublime Bohemian Sutra
Readings from: PM, BR and Part III & Part IV of On The Road

Weeks 12-13 End of the Road
Readings from: PM, BR and finish On The Road

Weeks 14-16 Revival
Readings from: PM, BR and Hawkline Monster: A Gothic Western (known as HM from here out).