

ENGL 40601 MIDDLE ENGLISH LITERATURE
FALL 2018
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CLASS MEETING: MW 4:30 PM – 5:45 PM, LA 148
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COURSE WIKI: <http://middleenglish2018.pbworks.com>
VISIT THIS WEBSITE ^^^ Click "Request Access"

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Pilgrimages! Anchorites! Manuscripts! Knights! This course explores the literature of Later Medieval England (c. 1200–1500). We'll develop a sound reading knowledge of Middle English, then read a variety of texts in the original and in translation.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Kempe, *The Book of Margery Kempe*, trans. Anthony Bale (Oxford, 2015) ISBN 0199686645
- Mandeville, *The Book of Marvels and Travels John Mandeville*, trans. Anthony Bale (Oxford, 2012) ISBN 0199600600
- Roche-Mahdi, Sarah, *Silence: A Thirteenth-Century French Romance* (Michigan 1999) ISBN 0870135430
- Armitage, *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, trans Simon Armitage (Norton 2008) ISBN 0393334155

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Daily attendance and vigorous participation in class fueled by close reading of all assignments
2. Quizzes testing understanding of Middle English
3. Middle English translation homework
4. Discussion participation on wiki
5. Commonplace book assignment
6. Unessay
7. Midterm and Final examination

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

This course is based in active participation; as a result, attendance in class is essential.

- 2 absences: participation grade = 0%
- **3 absences = course failure**
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WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:

I do not accept any late work
Failure to submit any written assignment will result in a failing grade for the course

EXAMS:

We will have a midterm and a final based on the text readings and material covered in class.

COMMONPLACE BOOK:

Throughout the semester, each student will gather passages from texts we have read in class into a physical book to be submitted at the end of the semester

UNESSAY:

Each student with research a text not covered in class and create an “Unessay”: some sort of manifestation of your learning which is not an essay

GRADING:

Participation/recitation:	9%
Office visit:	1%
Common Place Book:	30%
Unessay:	30%
Quizzes and homework:	10%
Midterm and Final	20%

GRADE SCALE:

A	94–100	Highest passing grade	4.0
A-	90–93		3.7
B+	87–89		3.3
B	84–86	Above-average passing grade	3.0
B-	80–83		2.7
C+	77–79		2.3
C	74–76	Average passing grade	2.0
C-	70–73		1.7
D+	65–69		1.3
D	60–64	Lowest passing grade	1.0
F	below 60	Failure or unauthorized discontinuance of class attendance; no credit.	

DISABILITIES STATEMENT:

If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. Contact the Director of Services for Students with Disabilities (Walb Union, Room 113, telephone number 481-6657) as soon as possible to work out the details. For more information, please visit the web site for SSD at <http://www.pfw.edu/ssd/>

Keep in mind that accommodations are not retroactive so it is best to contact the office **as soon as possible** so that timely arrangements can be made.

FOR ALL STUDENTS:

No **retroactive** accommodations can be made. If you feel that you have an issue which may affect your ability to succeed in this class, you must come see me **before** you've defaulted on the class. Hopefully, any issue can be resolved, but no issue can be resolved after the fact.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:

USING ANOTHER PERSON'S WORDS OR IDEAS WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION IS PLAGIARISM.

Plagiarism will earn you an **F** for the course, and possible expulsion from the University. If you borrow an idea or quote from another author, you must cite where you found the material. If you have any questions about citing sources, please ****ASK**** before your turn in an assignment. I am happy to help, or visit the Writing Center. <http://www.pfw.edu/casa/writing/>.

CONCERNING TEXTING IN CLASS:

Texting or otherwise messing around on your phone during the class period will result in **a failing grade** for the course

LAPTOP POLICY:

Similarly, laptops are great, but can also be a great distraction to yourself and others. Using a laptop or other device during class for non-class related activities will result in **a failing grade** for the course.

BEGINNING OF THE SCHEDULE

The most up-to-date schedule for all assignments can be found on the course WIKI: <http://middleenglish2018.pbworks.com>

Wk	Day	Date	Topic	Reading Due	Group	Other Assignment
1	M	20	Intro to class	**Get the Books!**		
AUG				(no rush, tbh)		

	W	22	Middle English Intro	Medieval discussion		Click here, Introduce yourself on Wiki
2	M	27	Middle English	Reading from Trotula (handout)		
.	W	29	Wycliffe Bible	Genesis 1 & 2 (handout) write out 10 words you looked up (helpful translation)		Middle English Dict Middle English Dict 2
3 SEPT	M	3	LABOR DAY	LABOR DAY		
	W	5	Wycliffe Bible	Flood (handout)		
4	M	10	Wycliffe Bible	Nativity / Crucifixion (handout)		Wycliffe Bible Quiz
	W	12	York Plays	Creation / Flood (handout)	Post 1	
5	M	17	York Plays	Nativity	Post 2	
.	W	19	York Plays	Crucifixion	Post 3	
6	M	24	Croxton	<i>Play of the Sacrament</i>		
.	W	26	Croxton	<i>Play of the Sacrament</i>		
7 OCT	M	1	Mandeville	<i>Mandeville's Travels</i>		Midterm Due
.	W	3	Margery	<i>Book of Margery Kempe</i>		
8	M	8	Mandeville	<i>Mandeville's Travels</i>		
	W	10	Margery	<i>Book of Margery Kempe</i>		