

English 141
Medieval Literature
Professor Stork
TR 1030-2245
Spring 2018

Office Hours: T 1500-1600, R 1200-1300 and by appointment

This class is an upper division course providing elective credit towards the English major. It is open to anyone who has passed 100W and is interested in medieval literature. We will read a variety of texts and consider their historical, linguistic and cultural context in order to gain a better understanding of them as works of literature.

Required Texts:

Njal's Saga, Penguin

Battle of Maldon (text provided, also online)

Letters of Heloise and Abelard, Penguin

Shepherd, ed. *Sir Thomas Malory: Le Morte Darthur*, Norton Critical Editions

Battles, ed. *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*

Grading:

Written Response to <i>Njal's Saga</i>	20%
Written response to <i>Battle of Maldon</i>	10%
Written response to <i>Heloise and Abelard</i>	10%
Malory Prose Analysis	30%
SGGK Word Study and Analysis	30%

Schedule of Classes:

Please read the assigned texts before class.

Jan	25	Introduction
	30	<i>Njal's Saga</i>
Feb	1	<i>Njal's Saga</i>
	6	<i>Njal's Saga</i>
	8	<i>Njal's Saga</i>
	13	<u>Response to <i>Njal's Saga</i> (written in class)</u>
	15	Battle of Maldon
	20	Battle of Maldon
	22	<u>Response to Battle of Maldon (written in class)</u>
	27	Letters of Heloise and Abelard (Introduction and Historia Calamitatum)

Mar	1	Letters of Heloise and Abelard (Letters 2 – 6)
	6	<u>Response to Heloise and Abelard (written in class)</u>
	8	Malory, pp. 3-40
	13	Malory, pp. 40-62
	15	Sankgreal pp. 463-506
	20	Sankgreal, pp. 506-531
	22	Lancelot and Guinevere, pp. 588-645
March 24-30		SPRING BREAK
Apr	3	Death of Arthur, pp. 645-698
	5	Workshop on Malory prose analysis (bring your draft)
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	12	Begin Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (lines 1-365)
		<u>Malory Prose Analysis DUE</u>
	17	SGGK, lines 366-712
	19	SGGK, lines 713-1045
	24	SGGK, lines 1046-1401
	26	SGGK, lines 1402-1769
May	1	SGGK, lines 1770-2139
	3	SGGK, lines 2140-2530
	8	Workshop on SGGK Word Study (bring your draft)
	10	Workshop on SGGK Word Study (bring your draft)

Your final papers on SGGK are due at the regularly scheduled time for our final exam.
 Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 945-1200 (9:45 AM to 12 noon)

We will meet in our regular classroom and discuss our conclusions about SGGK. Each of you will briefly present the topic of your final paper.