

San José State University
English Department
English 297, Fall 2019

Course and Contact Information

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Course Description (Required)

Workshop in writing and preparing for the two-part comprehensive masters examination. Required of all M.A. students and repeatable for credit.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)

Upon successful completion of this GE course, students will have:

1. *Created a reading list for the M.A. Comprehensive Exam*
2. *Analyzed and written responses to sample questions from previous Comprehensive Exams*
3. *Read Beowulf and Sir Gawain and the Green Knight in facing-page translation*

Textbooks

Beowulf, ed. Howell Chickering, a Dual-language edition, Anchor Library, 0-385-96213-3.

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, ed. Paul Battles, Broadview Press, 978-1-55481-019-2

Course Requirements and Assignments (Required)

Read *Beowulf* and *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* in facing-page editions.

Prepare an individualized reading list for the Master's exam.

Participate in class discussions.

THREE TIMED ESSAYS: Your choice from these topics: *Beowulf*, *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, or 3 questions (including poetry analysis) from a previous MA Exam

Determination of Grades

This course is graded C/NC. Completion of all readings and three written assignments will lead to a grade of Credit.

University Policies (Required)

Per University Policy S16-9 (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>), relevant information to all courses, such as academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. is available on Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' [Syllabus Information web page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/) at <http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/> Make sure to review these university policies and resources with students.

Course Schedule

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| Aug 22 | Introduction to M.A. Reading List. Begin preparation of individualized reading lists. |
| Aug 29 | Look at Part One Questions on Part One exam. Begin Beowulf |
| Sep 5 | Beowulf. <u>Take home timed essay on Beowulf</u> |
| Sep 12 | Look at Part Two Questions on previous Part One exam. SGGK |
| Sep 19 | SGGK <u>Take home timed essay on SGGK</u> |
| Sep 26 | Visit by Professor Allison Johnson – American Literature |
| Oct 3 | Visit by Prof. Revathi Krishnaswamy – Modern Literature and strategies for Part Two. |
| Oct 10 | No Class <u>Prepare First Response to question of your choice (please submit to me via email by Oct 15)</u> |
| Oct 17 | Sample Essays. Discussion of Exam questions |
| Oct 24 | <u>Second Response DUE</u> . Further discussion of strategies for writing |
| Oct 31 | Poetry Review and Analysis. |
| Nov 7 | Review (topics of your choice) <u>Poetry Analysis essay DUE</u> |
| Nov 14 | Review (topics of your choice) |
| November 16 | <u>FIRST PART OF MA EXAM</u> |
| Nov 21 | Review (topics of your choice) |
| November 23 | <u>SECOND PART OF MA EXAM</u> |
| Dec 5 | No Class – I am available for conferences during office hours or by appointment |