

ENGLISH 330
TOLKIEN AND FANTASY
Fall 2016
MWF 2:00-2:50 S.o.B.A. 237

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Grading Criteria

Mid-Term Examination	35% of final grade (take-home)
Final Examination:	65% of final grade (take-home)
Attendance:	10 absences = "F" for the course
Honor Code:	The text of the Honor Code may be found in your Student Handbook

Texts (in approximate order of use)

J.R.R. Tolkien. *The Tolkien Reader* 9780345325815
William Morris. *The Story of the Volsungs* 9781447470557
J.R.R. Tolkien. *The Legend of Sigurd and Gudrun* 9780547394572
Lord Dunsany. *The King of Elfland's Daughter* 9780345431912
J.R.R. Tolkien. *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* 9780547928180
_____. *The Silmarillion* 9780345325815
George R.R. Martin. *A Game of Thrones* 9780553573404

Additionally, you must select a current or precedent work of fantasy fiction, of not less than 200 pages, for inclusion in your final exam. Selections must be cleared with me beforehand.

NOTA BENE

The course will be video-recorded and posted to a limited YouTube account. Focus will be on the instructor and the material. Student faces will not be revealed nor identities disclosed, although student voices and first names may be captured during discussion sessions.

SYLLABUS

AUGUST

W	24	Classes Begin
F	26	Tolkien, "On Fairy Stories," and "Leaf by Niggle," in <i>The Tolkien Reader</i> (TR)
M	29	"Farmer Giles of Ham" in TR
W	31	JRRT, "The Homecoming of Beorhtnoth Beorhthelm's Son," in TR

SEPTEMBER

F	2	Morris, <i>The Story of the Volsungs</i>
M	5	Volsungs
W	7	Volsungs
F	9	Volsungs
M	12	JRRT, <i>The Legend of Sigurd and Gudrun</i> (S&G)
W	14	S&G
F	16	S&G
M	19	Lord Dunsany, <i>The King of Elfland's Daughter</i> (KED)
W	21	KED
F	23	KED
M	26	JRRT, <i>The Hobbit</i>
W	28	Hobbit
F	30	Hobbit

OCTOBER

M	3	JRRT, <i>The Fellowship of the Ring</i> (FOTR)
W	5	FOTR
F	7	MID-TERM EXAMINATION
M	10	FALL BREAK
W	12	FOTR
F	14	FOTR
M	17	JRRT, <i>The Two Towers</i> (TT)
W	19	TT
F	21	TT
M	24	TT
W	26	JRRT, <i>The Return of the King</i> (ROK)
F	28	ROK

M 31 ROK

NOVEMBER

W 2 ROK

F 4 Take a Breath

M 7 JRRT, *The Silmarillion* (SIL)

W 9 SIL

F 11 SIL

M 14 SIL

W 16 SIL

F 18 George R.R. Martin, *A Game of Thrones* (GT)

M 21 GT

W 23 **TG BREAK**

F 25 **TG BREAK**

M 28 GT

W 30 GT

DECEMBER

F 2 Flex

M 5 Flex

W 7 **READING/STUDY DAY**

F 9

M 12

W 14 **FINALS END**

F 16

Our final exam is scheduled for Monday 12 December at 2:00 p.m.

FEDERAL BOILERPLATE

Catalog Description:

Engl 330: Special Topics in Literature : Focuses in-depth on particular writers or a particular literary movement, subject, or period. Topics vary.

Credit Hour Policy Statement:

Standard lecture:

"This class meets the federal credit hour policy of 1 hour of class with an expected 2 hours of additional student work outside of class each week for approximately 15 weeks for each hour of credit, or a total of 45-75 total hours for each credit."

Course Learning Objectives:

Demonstrate skill in evaluating literary texts in discussion and in analytical essays relying upon argument, evidence, and terms of art.

Methods of Instruction:

Lecture and Discussion

Grading Criteria:

See provided rationale "Essay Evaluation Criteria"

Disability Policy:

It is the policy and practice of the University of Evansville to make reasonable accommodations for students with properly documented disabilities. Students should contact the Office of Counseling and Health Education at 488-2663 to seek services or accommodations for disabilities. Written notification to faculty from the Office of Counseling and Health Education is required for academic accommodations.