

**ENGLISH 2122B**  
**BRITISH LITERATURE II**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS**

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**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:**

Greenblatt, Stephen. *The Norton Anthology of English Literature*, Vol. 2. Eighth Edition. New York: WW Norton, 2006.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

- Computer access and a Gordon email account. Your professor will send you materials via your Gordon email account, so you must check it regularly.
- A pocket folder or binder to keep class papers, notes and handouts in.
- A notebook that you can tear pages from or loose sheets of paper for in-class writing assignments.
- A pen.
- A USB flash-memory drive to keep copies of your papers on. You must own your own disk or drive and keep copies of all your papers on it. Remember to make regular back-ups of all your papers on a separate computer or device.

**PREREQUISITE:** A C or better in ENGL 1101. If you are presently enrolled in or still required to take LS English or Reading or ENGL 1101 you can not take this class.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course is a survey of the major authors and literary movements of British literature from the Romantic Period, the Victorian Age, the twentieth century and after.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Upon completion of ENGL 2122, British Literature II, the student will have:

1. gained awareness of major writers and literary periods in the canon of English Literature.
2. demonstrated competence in literary analysis.
3. demonstrated an understanding of fundamental literary and critical terminology.
4. developed an awareness of aesthetic experiences as a dimension of life by demonstrating competence in literary studies.

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. Readings and brief in-class writing assignments and exercises
2. Two exams during the semester
3. Final Paper
4. Final exam

**GRADES AND GRADING SCALE:**

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| 1. Class participation, brief in-class writing assignments | 10% |
| 2. Exam 1  | 10% |
| 3. Exam 2  | 20% |
| 4. Exam 3  | 20% |
| 5. Final Paper   | 20% |
| 6. Exam 4: Final Exam                                      | 20% |

**Final Grade Calculator**

You are responsible for keeping track of your own grades. You may keep track of your grades and calculate your final grade by adding your scores to the following grid and adjusting them to the noted percentages. This is this same grid that your professor will use at the end of the term to calculate your final grade; thus, do not ask your professor what your grade is, as you can calculate it yourself.

Exam 1	Exam 2	Exam 3	Final Paper	Final Exam	Class Participation	Total
10%	20%	20%	20%	20%	10%	

**Grading scale:** A=91-100, B=81-90, C=71-80, D=61-70, F=60 and below.

**GRADING STANDARDS (All major assignments will be graded on a scale of 1-100):**

**Class participation**

Most days this semester we will be discussing readings from books. On days readings are assigned, you must bring your personal copy of the book you read for homework with you to class. Students who do not bring an assigned book with them to class will have their class participation grade lowered and may be counted absent for the day.

Your class participation grade is based upon several factors: attendance and in-class behavior; keeping up with reading assignments; participation in class discussion; and punctuality in turning in of

assignments. All students begin class with an average class participation grade of 7 out of 10 possible points. Students who do not have absences and who participate in class discussions, hand in assignments on time, and demonstrate that they are keeping up with the class readings will receive class participation grades higher than a 7; students who hand in assignments late, exhibit disruptive behavior in class, are late to class, have excessive absences, text during class, play with their cell phones, ipods etc., and/or do not demonstrate that they are keeping up with class readings will receive class participation grades of 6 or lower.

See “Academic Dishonesty” and “Class Attendance” below for related grading policies.

### **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:**

Cheating in any form, including plagiarism, is a serious academic offense. Plagiarism is the passing off of someone else’s ideas and/or words as your own. If you have questions about what constitutes plagiarism, ask now. Any instance of plagiarism, including single phrases and single sentences, will earn a zero for the plagiarized assignment and will lower your class participation grade by a minimum of five points for a minor offence (such as a plagiarized phrase) to a maximum of 10 points for major offenses (such as plagiarized sentences and argumentative structures). Your professor reserves the right to give a final grade of F to any student who plagiarizes one or more assignments. The names of all students who plagiarize will automatically be submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs for disciplinary review.

To prevent plagiarism, all students will be required to quote and paraphrase appropriately and to submit the full text of their final paper to Turnitin.com. Final papers not submitted to Turnitin.com will not be graded (see Turnitin.com submission guidelines below).

### **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

If you require academic accommodations for a disability, you must first see Kristina Henderson, Student Counselor, Student Center (second floor). Her telephone number is 678-359-5585.

### **WRITING CENTER:**

Gordon College runs a writing assistance center in the Student Success Center. At the Writing Center you can get one-on-one assistance with your papers as many times during the semester as you want.

### **CLASS POLICIES:**

#### **Absences:**

Regular class attendance is your obligation. You are expected to attend every class meeting. Attendance will be taken during every class meeting; all students not present on a given day for any reason will be counted absent.

After a student’s third absence for any reason (illness, sports, voting, family emergency, funeral, off-campus events, etc.), your professor reserves the right to lower the student’s final grade by one full letter grade for each subsequent absence (e.g. if a student has four absences and a final grade of a B, that student’s grade will be lowered to a C). Missing the class roll counts as an absence.

#### **Late Papers and Exams:**

Exams can not be made up. If a student misses an exam for any reason, that student will receive a “0” for the missed exam.

Your professor reserves the right to deduct a full letter grade for each class day that an assignment is late. Your professor reserves the right to give a final grade of F to any student who fails to complete one or more major assignment such as an exam or final paper.

It is your responsibility to keep track of your reading assignment and exam dates and to hand material in on time. All due dates are stated on the class schedule of assignments. Your professor will not remind you to hand in a paper or take an exam if you have missed a due date.

### **Email and discussion policy:**

All personal questions or announcements for your professor should be directed to him either in person before or after class, during his office hours, or by email. Your professor generally responds to emails within two business days.

Your professor reads and responds to email during his office hours between 10am and 2pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. He does not read or respond to email on Friday, during the evening, or during weekends, breaks, or holidays.

Your professor generally responds to emails within two business days. If you send your professor an email on Friday or on the weekend, do not expect a reply until the following Wednesday at the earliest.

Your professor cannot discuss grades with you over email in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). See <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>.

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### **CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:**

Good attendance, punctuality turning in assignments, participation in class discussion, a good attitude, and evidence that you are keeping up with reading assignments will all raise your class participation grade. However, your class participation grade will be lowered for the following kinds of behavior:

1. Neglecting to bring your textbook to class.
2. Inopportune unexcused absences (such as on days assignments are due).
3. Coming into class late.
4. Sleeping during class.
5. Doing work for other courses during our class period.
6. Interrupting people. In discussions, allow the person speaking to finish.
7. Whispering or talking to someone else while the professor or another student is speaking.
8. Using your cell phone, texting, etc.

### **TURNITIN.COM SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

Turnitin.com class ID: 3731777

Turnitin.com password: 2122

By taking this course, you agree that all required papers may be subject to submission of textual similarity review to Turnitin.com. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism in other papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the Terms and Conditions of Use posted on the Turnitin.com site <http://www.turnitin.com/static/usage.html>.

According to the Family Compliance Office of the U.S. Department of Education, your papers are education records within the meaning of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) (<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>). Education records may not be disclosed to third parties in a form that identifies you without your consent. Since Turnitin.com is a third party, you must choose one of the two ways below (not both) to submit papers to Turnitin.com in order to comply with FERPA.

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**2. YOU DO NOT CONSENT TO DISCLOSE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION TO TRUNITIN.COM**

If you choose not to consent to release your personal identification to Turnitin.com, you must send your paper to your professor by email as an electronic attachment that can be opened by Microsoft Word, by the deadline given on the syllabus. Your identifying information will be removed and the paper uploaded to Turnitin.com for you. Because your paper will not be in a Turnitin.com account that is accessible to you, you will not be able to view your report on-line. Instead, after the deadline has passed and all papers have been processed by Turnitin.com, your instructor will email an electronic copy of your paper's report to you.

Your paper will be processed by Turnitin.com whichever option you choose. The different options simply determine how the paper is submitted to Turnitin.com whether the paper has your name on it, and how you receive the Turnitin.com report.

Please note that in Turnitin.com there is a "test upload" assignment area for your paper. Because test uploads are not required or graded, and need not be a sample of your own work, they are not "education records."

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you upload an early draft of your paper to the test upload assignment, and then upload the final assignment, the final originality report will show that a substantial part of your paper is identical to your draft. That is expected.

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