

Department of English & Writing Studies
The Woman Question: Nineteenth-Century Woman Writers
English 3353G (001)
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Course Location: Physics & Astronomy
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Course Date/Time: TU 9:30–10:30 am; TH
9:30–11:30 am

Prerequisites: At least 60% in 1.0 of English 1020E or English 1022E or English 1024E or English 1035E or English 1036E or English 1042E or both of English 1027F/G and English 1028F/G, or permission of the Department.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enrol in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Course Description

In the nineteenth century, women readers and women writers were an important part of the new mass market for English literature, often leading in the emergent campaign for women's rights. This course will discuss these and other issues in fiction, non-fiction, and poetry by women from the 1790s to 1900. 3 hours, 0.5 course

Course Materials

Required Texts:

All published by Broadview Press:

The Woman of Colour (1808)

Edited by: Lyndon J. Dominique

East Lynne (1861)

Written by: Ellen Wood

Edited by: Andrew Maunder

Criminals, Idiots, Women, & Minors – Second Edition

Victorian Writing By Women On Women

Edited by: Susan Hamilton

The Romance of a Shop (1888)

Written by: Amy Levy

Edited by: Susan Bernstein

The Woman Who Did (1895)

Written by: Grant Allen

Edited by: Nicholas Ruddick

Methods of Evaluation

Essay 1, due Feb. 14, 2019: 15%

Quiz 1, Mar.7, 2019, *Woman of Colour*, Jameson, Martineau, Cobbe, Wood: 10%

Quiz 2, Mar.21, 2019, Linton, Oliphant, Taylor, Levy, Allen: 10%

Essay 2, due Mar.28, 2019: 25%

Attendance: 5%

Final Exam, Apr. 2019 (date TBA): 35%

Course Information

Attendance:

Regular attendance is expected for all classes. Absenteeism may result in debarment from the final exam and, thus, failure of the course.

Essay Due dates, Late policy, Extensions, Plagiarism:

- All overdue essays will receive a penalty of 1% per day late.
- Late essays may be dropped in the English Department Essay Drop-Off Box.
- Do NOT slide essays under office doors.
- No essay will be accepted 14 days after the due date.
- Essays must be typed, double-spaced, and stapled in the upper left-hand corner. No binders or protective covers of any kind are necessary. Essays must follow current MLA format and must include a list of Works Cited at the end (see *MLA Handbook* for details).
- Essays must be on works studied in this section of the course.

IT IS ADVISABLE TO RETAIN AT LEAST ONE HARD COPY OF THE ESSAY IN THE EVENT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE TO THE ORIGINAL.

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

Plagiarism Checking:

The University of Western Ontario uses software for plagiarism checking. Students may be required to submit their written work in electronic form for plagiarism checking.

Email Policy:

Email is meant for brief inquiries only. Please allow a day or two for a response. Email received over the weekend will be answered the following week.

Essay 1: Choose ONE work on the course and write an argumentative essay that focuses on one of the following ten topics listed below. Be sure to narrow and refine your topic so that it is very specific and clear. Do early research on the topic so that you can develop your essay gradually, rather than writing it at the last minute.

Length: 1500 words

Format: MLA 8th edition for undergraduate research essays

Worth: 15%

Due: Feb. 14, 2019

Possible Topics:

Work

Marriage

Community

Violence

Humour

Power

Gender

Race

Fulfilment

Writing

Essay 2: Choose TWO different works from the one you examined in Essay 1. As with the first essay, choose ONE of the broad topics listed above (which you must narrow down very specifically to construct a clear argument).

Again: do some preliminary research on this topic with reference to the play you are exploring. You may write more than once on the same topic (for example, Gender), but make sure you cover TWO different plays from the one you examined in Essay 1.

Length: 2500 words

Format: MLA 8 for undergraduate research essays

Worth: 25%

Due: Mar.28, 2019

Timetable

Winter Term 2019

Jan.8-10	Introduction
Jan.15-17	<i>The Woman of Colour</i> (1808)
Jan.22-24	<i>The Woman of Colour</i> (1808)
Jan.29-31	Jameson, Martineau, Cobbe (<i>Criminals, Idiots, Women, & Minors</i>)
Feb.5-7	<i>East Lynne</i> (1861)
Feb.12-14	<i>East Lynne</i> (1861); Essay 1 Due Feb. 14
Feb.19-21	READING WEEK
Feb.26-28	Linton, Oliphant, Taylor (<i>Criminals, Idiots, Women, & Minors</i>)
Mar.5-7	<i>The Romance of a Shop</i> (1888); Quiz 1 Mar. 7
Mar.12-14	<i>The Romance of a Shop</i> (1888)
Mar.19-21	<i>The Woman Who Did</i> (1895); Quiz 2 Mar.21
Mar.26-28	<i>The Woman Who Did</i> (1895); Essay 2 Due Mar.28
Apr.2-4	Garrett Fawcett, Caird (<i>Criminals, Idiots, Women, & Minors</i>)
Apr. 9	Review

Accommodation

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department. Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Office of the Dean of the student's Faculty of registration, together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. The UWO Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness and further information regarding this policy can be found at http://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

Downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC):

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf

Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

All instances of plagiarism will be reported to the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. Proven cases of plagiarism will result in a grade of zero for the assignment. Subsequent offences will result in failure for the course.

Support Services

Registrarial Services <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

Student Support Services <https://student.uwo.ca/psp/heprdweb/?cmd=login>

Services provided by the USC <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Student Development Centre <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to MentalHealth@Western: <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.