

Department of English & Writing Studies

English 3203F (001)
Human, All Too Human
Fall 2022

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Prerequisites: At least 60% in 1.0 of English 1020-1999 or permission of the Department.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll 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 Objectives:

Successful students who complete the course will be able to explain the various theoretical and rhetorical approaches to literature, with specific attention both to their concepts, their historical, cultural and intellectual contexts, and their application to different texts.

Develop further their ability to analyze texts critically, and formulate and produce essays which have an effective thesis with a clear, well-articulated intent, and a logical argument supported by adequate evidence from the text(s) under discussion.

Course Materials

Required Texts:

The Norton Anthology of Theory and Criticism, Volume 3

Methods of Evaluation

Essay: 12-15 pages 30%

Test: 1 Hour: 15%

Class Participation: 15%

Final Examination: 40%

Essay: All sources must be documented according to the MLA Handbook. Essays will be submitted in class.

Extensions and Late Penalties: Extensions will not be granted. Late essays will be penalized 2% per day including weekends. After seven days the essay will be given a grade of zero.

Academic Offences

Plagiarism: Students are assumed to be familiar with the department's policy on plagiarism.
<http://uwo.ca/english/site/undrgrd/info.html>

Accommodation Policies

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth (either alone or in combination) 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 Student Medical Certificate (SMC) can be found at

<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medicalform.pdf>. The full policy is set out here: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf

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.

Timetable

September

Introduction

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Braidotti *The Posthuman*, from Chapter One

Nietzsche "On Truth and Lying in a Non-Moral Sense"

Nietzsche

Freud excerpt from *Beyond the Pleasure Principle* (handout)

Freud

October

Lacan "The Mirror Stage"

Lacan

Foucault "What is an Author?"

Foucault

Deleuze and Guattari *A Thousand Plateaus: Capitalism and Schizophrenia* from Introduction:

Rhizome

Deleuze and Guattari

November

Haraway from "A Manifesto for Cyborgs"

Haraway

Test

Hayles *How We Became Posthuman* (handout)

Hayles

Essay Due. Bennett *Vibrant Matter*, Chapter One

Bennett

Coda: Beckett (handout)

December

Review

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