

Course Description and Objectives

The course will explore critical theories of tragedy and comedy and how they related to Shakespeare's plays. We will consider the historical and social contexts of the plays and reflect on links between themes addressed in the plays and contemporary issues. We will examine a broad array of critical takes on the plays including feminist, Marxist, formalist, post-colonialist, and new historicist perspectives.

Pedagogical Approach

This course will incorporate lectures, class discussions, dramatic readings, and video adaptations of the plays. The study of each play will focus on the close reading of the work in question supplemented with insights gained through critical commentaries on the work. Students should be prepared to participate in class by reading in advance the work(s) that will be discussed each week.

Evaluation

Reading Quizzes=10%
Midterm Examination=25%
Term Paper=25%
Final Examination=30%
Participation=10%

Required Texts

King Richard III
As You Like It
Measure for Measure
Macbeth
King Lear
The Tempest

• Required texts are available at La Maison Anglaise, Place de la Cité. Additional critical readings will be made available on the course site.

• Plagiat / voir Règlement des études de l'Université Laval :

<http://www.lit.ulaval.ca/index.php?id=493>

• Centre de prévention et d'intervention en matière de harcèlement :

<https://www.ulaval.ca/services-ul/harcelement.html>

• Politique relative au calendrier de publication des résultats : 30 % de la note globale devra avoir été attribuée et communiquée aux étudiants deux jours ouvrables avant la date d'abandon sans échec et sans remboursement. Seuls les cours à formule particulière, ayant été approuvés par les directions d'unité, seront exemptés de cette politique, ce qui devra faire l'objet d'une mention dans le plan de cours.

Échelle de conversion de notes (1er cycle)

Excellent : A+ = 94-100 A = 89-93 A- = 85-88

Très bon : B+ = 82-84 B = 78-81 B- = 75-77

Bon : C+ = 72-74 C = 68-71 C- = 65-67

Passable : D+ = 61-64 D = 55-60

Insuffisant : E = 0-54