

English 310: Arthurian Literature (Summer Term Version)

When and Where this course meets:

Class time: 10-11:40am, weekdays
Class location: Main 324

Course Description

A study of Arthurian literature written in the British Isles between 500 and 1800 CE, including works by Geoffrey of Monmouth, Layamon, Marie de France, Malory, Spenser, Jonson and Fielding.

Course Objectives

- Students will develop an understanding of the styles, techniques and content of the works of authors of early Arthurian literature
- Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze and evaluate Arthurian texts with regard to historical context
- Students will demonstrate the ability to write effectively, plan, document, and conduct research about Arthurian literature

Required Textbooks

- *The Romance of Arthur*, 3rd edition, ed. Lacy and Wilhelm (ISBN 978-0-415-78289-0)
- *The Faerie Queene*, Books 3 and 4, (ISBN 978-0872208551)

Textbooks are available in the Wofford College Bookstore (see "Note on Textbooks" at right); additional Texts Available on library reserve.

Course Requirements

1. Read everything you are assigned to read, on time and with care and attention.
2. Two short (600-word) responses to readings
3. One 1200-1500 word essay
4. A final exam
5. Quizzes, including a plagiarism quiz
6. Regular Attendance

Grade Breakdown

- Paper: 40%
- Final Exam: 40%
- Other: 20%

Date	Reading Assignment	Writing Assignment (to be turned by the date and time indicated)
Mon, Jun	Introduction to the course	

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Tues, Jun 4	<i>Culhwch and Olwen</i> (Lacy 28-57)	Photo upload due
Wed, Jun 5	"Arthur in Geoffrey of Monmouth" (Lacy 58-87)	
Thurs, Jun 6	Wace, <i>Roman de Brut</i> (Lacy 88-99)	
Fri, Jun 7	Layamon, <i>Brut</i> (Lacy 100-111)	Plagiarism Quiz due
Mon, Jun 10	<i>Lancelot, or The Knight of the Cart</i> (Lacy 112-147)	
Tues, Jun 11	<i>Lancelot, or The Knight of the Cart</i> (Lacy 148-180)	
Wed, Jun 12	<i>Perceval, or The Story of the Grail</i> (Lacy 181-192); <i>Parzival</i> (Lacy 193-206)	
Thurs, Jun 13	<i>The Saga of the Mantle</i> (Lacy 223-235)	Response 1 due
Fri, Jun 14	Béroul, <i>Romance of Tristan</i> (Lacy 236-255)	
Mon, Jun 17	Béroul, <i>Romance of Tristan</i> (Lacy 256-281)	
Tues, Jun 18	<i>The Rise of Gawain, Nephew of Arthur</i> (Lacy 377-408)	
Wed, Jun 19	<i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</i> (Lacy 409-439)	
Thurs, Jun 20	<i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</i> (Lacy 440-475)	
Fri, Jun 21	<i>The Wedding of Sir Gawain and Dame Ragnell</i> (Lacy 476-500)	Response 2 due
Mon, Jun 24	Malory, <i>Morte Darthur</i> (Lacy 542-547 and Malory, Book III on reserve)	
Tues, Jun 25	Malory, <i>Morte Darthur</i> , Book VIII (moodle)	
Wed, Jun 26	Malory, <i>Morte Darthur</i> , Ending (Lacy 547-552 and moodle)	
Thurs, Jun 27	<i>Faerie Queene</i> , Book 3, Cantos 1-4	
Fri, Jun 28	<i>Faerie Queene</i> , Book 3, Cantos 5-8	
Mon, Jul 1	<i>Faerie Queene</i> , Book 3, Cantos 9-12	Paper due
Tues, Jul 2	"A Famous Prediction of Merlin, the British Wizard" by Swift (reserve); <i>Tom Thumb</i> by Fielding (reserve)	
Jul 3	Final Exam: 2-5pm, July 3 (students must take the exam with the rest of the class)	