

English 5741: Jane Austen

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Description:

In this course, we will read all six of the novels Jane Austen published in her lifetime: *Northanger Abbey*, *Sense and Sensibility*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Mansfield Park*, *Emma*, and *Persuasion*. In addition to paying close attention to the texts of the novels, we will consider the development of Austen's career, important historical contexts for her work, significant critical approaches to the novels, and Austen's popularity today. All are welcome, from Janeites to Austen-skeptics!

Requirements:

Attendance and active participation are expected; it is crucial that you keep up with the assigned reading and come to class ready to discuss what you've read. Assignments will include weekly discussion posts on the reading and midterm and final essay exams. Class participation and discussion posts will each count for 20% of the course grade; the midterm and final will count for 30% each. Please note that the grade average you see on Canvas does not include participation, which counts for 20% of your final grade!

Course Policies:

I will make accommodations for illness, quarantine, or self-isolation due to COVID-19. You are otherwise allowed two personal days for the semester; there are no excused absences. Three or more absences will result in a lower grade for participation (see below). If you miss more than eight class meetings, you will receive a failing participation grade. If you miss more than 50% of the class meetings, you will fail the course.

I will drop one discussion post grade, but missing more than one will lower your average. I am happy to give extensions on assignments, but you must contact me in advance. To receive credit for the course, you must complete all course assignments.

Absences	Maximum Participation Grade
1	A
2	A
3	A-
4	B+
5	B
6	B-
7	C
8	D
9+	F
15+	F for the course

Texts:

Texts for the course will be available via inclusive access, BUT I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU HAVE HARD COPIES OF ALL SIX NOVELS. If you shop in advance, you can find cheap used copies. Having physical copies of the novels will make your reading experience more enjoyable and facilitate our conversations in class. I've ordered the editions listed below; if you're buying texts for the class, buy these. If you already have different editions, though, that's OK.

Northanger Abbey (Oxford, ISBN-13: 9780199535545)
Sense and Sensibility (Oxford, ISBN-13: 9780198793359)
Pride and Prejudice (Oxford, ISBN-13: 9780198826736)
Mansfield Park (Oxford, ISBN-13: 9780199535538)
Emma (Oxford, ISBN-13: 9780199535521)
Persuasion (Oxford, ISBN-13: 9780199535552)

Schedule (subject to revision):**Wk. 1**

Aug. 22 Introduction to the course
 Aug. 24 *Northanger Abbey*, vol. 1

Wk. 2

Aug. 29 *Northanger Abbey*, vols. 1-2
 Aug. 31 *Northanger Abbey*, vol. 2

Wk. 3

Sept. 5 *Sense and Sensibility*, vol. 1
 Sept. 7 *Sense and Sensibility*, vols. 1-2

Wk. 4

Sept. 12 *Sense and Sensibility*, vols. 2-3
 Sept. 14 *Sense and Sensibility*, vol. 3

Wk. 5

Sept. 19 *Pride and Prejudice*, vol. 1
 Sept. 21 NO CLASS

Wk. 6

Sept. 26 *Pride and Prejudice*, vols. 1-2
 Sept. 28 *Pride and Prejudice*, vols. 2

Wk. 7

Oct. 3 *Pride and Prejudice*, vols. 2-3
 Oct. 5 *Pride and Prejudice*, vol. 3

Fri., Oct. 6 – MIDTERM EXAM DUE

Oct. 8-15 – FALL BREAK

Wk. 8

Oct. 17 *Mansfield Park*, vol. 1
Oct. 19 *Mansfield Park*, vols. 1-2

Wk. 9

Oct. 24 *Mansfield Park*, vols. 2-3
Oct. 26 *Mansfield Park*, vol. 3

Wk. 10

Oct. 31 *Emma*, vol. 1
Nov. 2 *Emma*, vol. 1

Wk. 11

Nov. 7 *Emma*, vol. 2
Nov. 9 *Emma*, vols. 2-3

Wk. 12

Nov. 14 *Emma*, vol. 3
Nov. 16 *Clueless* (Amy Heckerling, 1995)

Wk. 13

Nov. 21 *Clueless*
Nov. 23 Thanksgiving – NO CLASS

Wk. 14

Nov. 28 *Persuasion*, vol. 1
Nov. 30 *Persuasion*, vol. 1

Wk. 15

Dec. 5 *Persuasion*, vol. 2
Dec. 7 *Persuasion*, vol. 2

Mon., Dec. 11 – FINAL EXAM DUE

Plagiarism:

The University's plagiarism policy will be strictly enforced. The Student Code defines plagiarism as "the unacknowledged use or incorporation of any other person's work in, or as the basis for one's own work offered for academic consideration or credit." Examples of plagiarism include "representing as one's own, without attribution, any other person's words, phrasing, ideas, information or any other mode or content of expression." Disciplinary action for plagiarizing papers or exams ranges from a failing grade on the assignment or in the course to suspension or expulsion from the University.

ADA Notice:

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University Safety Statement:

The University of Utah values the safety of all campus community members. To report suspicious activity or to request a courtesy escort, call campus police at 801-585-COPS (801-585-2677). You will receive important emergency alerts and safety messages regarding campus safety via text message. For more information regarding safety and to view available training resources, including helpful videos, visit safeu.utah.edu.

Addressing Sexual Misconduct:

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender (which includes sexual orientation and gender identity/expression) is a civil rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, color, religion, age, status as a person with a disability, veteran's status or genetic information. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, 135 Park Building, 801-581-8365, or the Office of the Dean of Students, 270 Union Building, 801-581-7066. For support and confidential consultation, contact the Center for Student Wellness, 426 SSB, 801-581-7776. To report to the police, contact the Department of Public Safety, 801-585-2677 (COPS).