



**English 2333.101**  
**World Literature II**  
**Spring 2022**  
**MW 11:00-12:20**  
**LRC 257**

**Instructor:** Dr. Bernie Smiley, bsmiley@com.edu, 409-933-8356

**Student hours and location:** LRC 256- Monday & Wed 9:30-10:50 & 5:00-6.  
Tuesday- 9:30-3. Also available online by request.

**Required Textbook:** All reading materials are online for free.

**Course Description:** A survey of world literature from the seventeenth century to the present. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from a diverse group of authors and traditions

**Course requirements (including description of any special projects or assignments):** You will have a midterm and a final essay exam as well as 3-5 essays as written assignments. In addition, you will be required to do a research paper that will include evaluation of both database and web material.

**Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula (methods of evaluation to be employed to include a variety of means to evaluate student performance):**

Essays/Tests	50%
Research paper	20%
Oral presentations/Short essays	20%
Participation	10%

**Grading Scale:**

A = 100-90  
B = 89-80

C = 79-70

D = 69-60

F = 59 or less

**Make-Up Policy:** I do not take late work. *This includes if you are ill.*

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance is expected for every class meeting. All students are required to attend every class promptly. If a student misses more than 4 classes, he/she places the successful completion of this course in serious jeopardy. I reserve the right to drop you after 4 missed classes.

**Communicating with your instructor:** ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means. (Faculty may add additional statement requiring monitoring and communication expectations via Blackboard or other LMS)

<b>Student Learner Outcome</b>	<b>Maps to Core Objective</b>	<b>Assessed via this</b>
1. Identify key ideas, representative authors and works, significant historical or cultural events, and characteristic perspectives or attitudes expressed in the literature of different periods or regions.	Teamwork (TW)	<b>Assignment</b> Essay Style Midterm Oral Presentation
2. Analyze literary works as expressions of individual or communal values within the social, political, cultural, or religious contexts of different literary periods.		Essay Style Midterm
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the development of characteristic forms or styles of expression during different historical periods or in different regions.	Communication Skills (COM)	Essay Style Midterm

4 . Articulate the aesthetic principles that guide the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.	Critical Thinking Skills (CT)	Essay Style Midterm
5. Write the research based critical papers about the assigned readings in clear and grammatically correct prose, using various critical approaches to literature.		Research Assignment Oral Presentation

**Academic Dishonesty:** Any incident of academic policy will be dealt with in accordance with college policy and the Student Handbook. Academic dishonesty – such as cheating on exams is an extremely serious offense and will result in a **grade of zero** on that exam and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate discipline action.

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is using someone else’s words or ideas and claiming them as your own. Plagiarism is a very serious offense. Plagiarism includes paraphrasing someone else’s words without giving proper citation, copying directly from a website and pasting it into your paper, using someone else’s words without quotation marks. Any assignment containing any plagiarized material will receive a **grade of zero** and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate discipline action.

**Concerns/Questions Statement:** If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact Brian Anderson-Department Chair of Humanities at (409) 933-8186 or BAnderson@com.edu.

### Course Outline

## **Tentative and Highly Flexible Syllabus- Please read**

- 1/19 Introduction of class, syllabus, expectations.
- 1/24 The Metamorphosis Part 1-Kafka
- 1/26 The Metamorphosis Part 2-Kafka
- 2/2 The Metamorphosis Part 3-Kafka
- 2/7 The Hunger Artist -Kafka (Prof. Anderson's suggestion)
- 2/9 The Earth is a Satellite of the Moon- Leonel Rugama (Prof. Davis)
- 2/14 **God Sees the Truth, But Waits- Tolstoy**
- 2/16 Ladies- Chekov
- 2/21 The Birthday Girl- Murakami (Prof. Serda)
- 2/23 No Exit -Sartre
- 2/28 No Exit-Sartre
- 3/2 No Exit-Sartre
- 3/7 No Exit-Sartre
- 3/9 No Exit-Sartre
- 3/14-3/19 Spring Break
- 3/21 A Modest Proposal- Swift (Prof. Tabor)
- 3/23 Selected Poems- nila northSun (Prof. Hammett)
- 3/28 The Vampire & The Metamorphosis of the Vampire- Baudelaire (Prof. Barbee-Yow)
- 3/30 The Stranger- Camus
- 4/4 The Stranger- Camus
- 4/6 The Stranger- Camus
- 4/11 The Stranger- Camus
- 4/13 The Stranger- Camus
- 4/18 The Stranger- Camus
- 4/20 The Stranger- Camus
- 4/25 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead- Stoppard
- 4/27 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead- Stoppard
- 5/2 Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead- Stoppard
- 5/4 Paper due
- 5/9 Final

## Institutional Policies and Guidelines

**Grade Appeal Process:** Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook. <[https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student\\_Handbook\\_2019-2020v5.pdf](https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student_Handbook_2019-2020v5.pdf). *An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.* [https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student\\_Handbook\\_2019-2020v5.pdf](https://build.com.edu/uploads/sitecontent/files/student-services/Student_Handbook_2019-2020v5.pdf)

**Academic Success & Support Services:** College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

**ADA Statement:** Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact Holly Bankston at 409-933-8520 or [hbankston@com.edu](mailto:hbankston@com.edu). The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in the Student Success Center.

**Counseling Statement:** Any student needing counseling services is requested to please contact Holly Bankston in the student success center at 409-933-8520 or [hbankston@com.edu](mailto:hbankston@com.edu). Counseling services are available on campus in the student center for free and students can also email [counseling@com.edu](mailto:counseling@com.edu) to set up their appointment. Appointments are strongly encouraged; however, some concerns may be addressed on a walk-in basis.

**Textbook Purchasing Statement:** A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

**Withdrawal Policy:** Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a "W" grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw from the 1<sup>st</sup> 8-week session is March 2. The last date to withdraw from the 16-week session is April 25. The last date to withdraw for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-week session is May 4.

**F<sub>N</sub> Grading:** The F<sub>N</sub> grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The F<sub>N</sub> grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the F<sub>N</sub> grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an F<sub>N</sub> grade.

**Early Alert Program:** The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been

asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

**COVID-19 Statement:** All students, faculty, and staff are expected to familiarize themselves with materials and information contained on the College of the Mainland's Coronavirus Information site at [www.com.edu/coronavirus](http://www.com.edu/coronavirus). In compliance with Governor Abbott's May 18 Executive Order, face coverings/masks will no longer be required on COM campus. Protocols and college signage are being updated. We will no longer enforce any COM protocol that requires face coverings. We continue to encourage all members of the COM community to distance when possible, use hygiene measures, and get vaccinated to protect against COVID-19. Please visit [com.edu/coronavirus](http://com.edu/coronavirus) for future updates.

**Classroom Conduct Policy:** College of the Mainland requires that students enrolled at COM be familiar with the Standards of Student Conduct, which can be found in the on-line Student Handbook. <http://www.com.edu/student-services/student-handbook.php>. Students should act in a professional manner at all times. Disruptive students will be held accountable according to college policy. Any violations of the Code of Conduct will result in a referral to the Office for student Conduct and may result in dismissal from this class.

