

Course Requirements and Policies

Papers

You will need to write two shorter papers (1000 words each) before the Spring Break and a longer paper (1200-1500 words) at the end of the semester. For the shorter papers you will be given three days to write (assigned on Friday, due next Monday) while for the final paper you will have five days to write. Specific written guidelines for each paper will be provided as each paper is assigned in class.

Midterm Exam

You will be given a midterm exam **on March 28**, in Week 12. The main purpose of the midterm exam is to check if you have been keeping up with the assigned readings and whether you have been following class discussion attentively. The exam will be given during class time and you will have 50 minutes to complete it. Therefore, it is crucial that you are not late for class so that the exam can start on time.

Short Assignments

Throughout the semester, you will be given several reading quizzes. Quizzes will be **unannounced** and they will be given at the beginning of the class. You cannot make up for a reading quiz you miss. So, regular attendance is essential to getting all the points for the reading quizzes. There will also be reading response papers which will be assigned as homework. They are not scheduled on the syllabus either. One reading response paper will be assigned for each book but you need to write only a total of **seven**; that is, you can skip two of them. If you are not able to attend a class, check with me via e-mail to make sure that you are not missing a reading response assignment as you cannot make up for them after its due date.

Attendance & Participation

Regular attendance is essential to the format of this class. Absences up to **three hours** will be excused regardless of the reason. However, if you miss more than three hours, one point (out of 100) will be taken off your final grade for each extra absence. **No excuse will be accepted for excessive absence!** Active class participation is encouraged as I would prefer to conduct the class in the form of class discussion rather than lectures. Anyone should feel free to express their opinion as long as it pertains to class discussion. However, students should avoid getting into personal conflicts in class. As the instructor, my job is to make sure that everyone's opinions are respected in class.

Extra-Credits: Movie Nights

There will be movie nights throughout the semester about every other week. It is optional and when you come to one, you will need to write a one page (300-word) personal response paper to get +2 extra credit points. Response papers will need to be submitted on the first Monday following the movie showing in order to be considered for extra credit. There will be pizza!

Academic Honesty

All written work you submit for this course must be your own. Purdue University prohibits dishonesty in connection with any University activity. Cheating in exams, plagiarizing from others' paper, from print material or from the Internet are examples of academic dishonesty (*University Regulations*, Part 5 Section III B, 2, a). **No form of academic dishonesty will be tolerated in this class.** Students are strongly urged to familiarize themselves with what constitutes academic dishonesty at Purdue. The best place to go for all questions concerning writing -including how to avoid plagiarism- is the Writing Lab (HEAV 226).