UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO - DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
ENGLISH 309D - APPROACHES TO STYLE
WINTER 2000    T/R 4:00-5:30    HH 139

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
The course investigates and applies theories for the stylistic analysis of literary and non-
literary texts. We will explore stylistics through the lens of a social and functional framework
for description. Generally, our Tuesday meeting will consist of a lecture and question
period on our framework. During our Thursday meeting we will work together to apply the
framework to a variety of texts. It is very important that students be present at both
classes: the lectures will cover information not in our textbook (but obviously related to it);
and stylistics is an activity, so it is very important to attend the Thursday sessions to apply
your new knowledge.

EVALUATION
In class test #1: 20%
In class test #2: 20%
Final exam: 60%

Please Note: Missed tests or exams require appropriate medical
documentation.

REQUIRED TEXT

SCHEDULE

Week   Topic and Readings
Jan 4   Introduction to stylistics
Jan 11  Tools for stylistics (ch 1) and Processes and participants (ch 4)
Jan 18  Processes and participants cont'd (ch 4)
Jan 25  Lexis (ch 7)
Feb 1   In-class test 1
Feb 8   Modality and attitude (ch 3)
Feb 15  'Talking: acts of give and take (ch 8)
Feb 22  Reading Week
Feb 29  Cohesion: making text (ch 2)
Mar 7   In-class test 2
Mar 14  Narrative structure (ch 6)
Mar 21  Recording speech and thought (ch 5)
Mar 28  Presupposition (ch 9)

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what constitutes an academic offense, to avoid committing academic offenses, and to take responsibility for their academic
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(Student Academic Discipline). For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students are directed to
consult the summary of Policy #71 (Student Academic Discipline) which is supplied in the Undergraduate Calendar (p.1:11).
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clarification of aspects of the discipline policy, ask your course instructor for guidance. Other resources regarding the
discipline policy are your academic advisor and the Undergraduate Associate Dean."