UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO-DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
ENGLISH 309D - APPROACHES TO STYLE
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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: 25%
In-class test 2: 30%
Final exam: 45%

REQUIRED TEXT

SCHEDULE

Week  Topic and Readings
Jan 5  Introduction to stylistics
Jan 12  Tools for stylistics (ch 1)
Jan 19  Processes and participants (ch 4)
Jan 26  Lexis (ch 7)
Feb 2   In-class test 1
Feb 9   Modality and attitude (ch 3)
Feb 16  Reading Week
Feb 23  Talking: acts of give and take (ch 8)
    Mar 2  Cohesion: making text (ch 2)
    Mar 9  In-class test 2
    Mar 16 Narrative structure (ch 6)
    Mar 23 Recording speech and thought (ch 5)
    Mar 30 ‘One-on-one’ consultation