ENGLISH 350B Winter 2011
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SYLLABUS

Hello, and welcome to English 350B, Seventeenth-Century Literature II. In this course we will do two things. One: we will read, understand, and write about the great epic poem by John Milton, *Paradise Lost*. Two: we will learn a suite of research skills and apply them to produce editions of poems published in the seventeenth-century. We will do the editorial project before reading week, and work on *Paradise Lost* after it.

Text

I have ordered *Paradise Lost* into the bookstore. You may use other editions but they must be complete and have annotations and line numbers.

You will also need the editing project handbook, which will be posted on the UW-ACE site for the class.

Assignments

Edition: Due Friday February 18

Your major project will be an edition of an elegy published in the seventeenth century. You will transcribe the poem, decide whether or not to modernize the spelling, annotate it, research the context (biographical and historical), and analyze the poem as an example of its genre (the elegy). I will give you more information in class, and there is a handbook for this assignment posted on the UW-ACE site for the course.

Grading for Edition

Transcription: 10%
Annotations: 10%
Statement of editorial principles: 10%
Historical and biographical context: 20%
Analysis of elegy as a poem: 30%
Writing: word choice, paragraphing, sentence structure: 10%
Writing: punctuation, spelling, grammar (one mark off for each error up to 10): 10%
Schedule

W January 5: Welcome
M January 10: Introduction to editing project
W January 12: Using EEBO
M January 17: Transcription
W January 19: Annotations
M January 24: the OED and the ODNB
W January 26: History: what is it and how can we find it?
M January 31: Analysis of elegies
W February 2: Death
M February 7: Religion
W February 9: The Civil Wars
M February 14: The Popish Plot
W February 16: Popular Poetry

Reading week: February 21-25
M February 28: Introduction to Milton and Paradise Lost
W March 2: Paradise Lost, Books I and II
M March 7: Paradise Lost, Book III
W March 9: Paradise Lost, Book IV
M March 14: Paradise Lost, Books V and VI
W March 16: Paradise Lost, Books VII and VIII
M March 21: Paradise Lost, Book IX, Part One
W March 23: Paradise Lost, Book IX, Part Two
M March 28: Paradise Lost, Book X
W March 30: Paradise Lost, Books XI and XII
M April 4: Summary and exam information

Rules

Laptops and cellphones: I am happy for you to bring your laptops to class, and to leave your cellphones on during normal class activities. The computers are for class work, however, and the cellphones are not to be used unless there is an emergency. If I perceive that you are doing other activities on your computers, I will ask that they be closed.

Email: the University’s policy is that you must activate your University email, and you are responsible for messages sent to it. You can have mail to that account forwarded from it to the email that you use more regularly.

Late and illness policy: I will only accept late assignments if you bring me a doctor’s note saying that you were unable to submit the assignment on the due date. The late penalty is 2% per day, including weekends, up to one week. After one week, the assignment will not be accepted.
In addition, the Faculty of Arts at the University of Waterloo requires that I include the following information on the course outline:

**Academic Integrity:** in order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility.

**Grievance:** A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4, [http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy70.htm](http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy70.htm)

**Discipline:** A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offenses, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offense, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offenses (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or the Undergraduate Associate Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties will be imposed under Policy 71 – Student Discipline. For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71 - Student Discipline, [http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm](http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm)

**Appeals:** A student may appeal the finding and/or penalty in a decision made under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (other than regarding a petition) or Policy 71 - Student Discipline if a ground for an appeal can be established. Read Policy 72 - Student Appeals, [http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm](http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm)