

Grande Prairie Regional College
English 2850
King James Bible in English Literature
6(3-0-0)

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Prerequisite: 6 credits of junior English.

Course Description:

This course asserts the claim of the King James Bible to a supreme position in English literature in two ways: first, by regarding the King James Bible as an encyclopedic book of various literary genres; and second, by considering it as the single most important source of myth and symbols for English authors. Also the influence of biblical themes and images on writers ranging from Shakespeare to T.S. Eliot will be uncovered.

Objective:

The objective of this course is to develop the student's ability to use the usual techniques of literary criticism to the study of the Old and New Testaments.

Students will be required to write two formal essays, a midterm in December, and a final in April.

Required Text:

King James Bible
Shakespeare, William. Hamlet
Bunyan, John. Pilgrim's Progress

Term Works Assignment Schedule:

First Essay	2500 word essay	25%	(Nov. 06)
Second Essay	2500 word essay	25%	(Feb. 05)
Class participation		10%	
Presentations		10%	
Mid-term		10%	
Final Exam		20%	

Tentative Course schedule

Sept. 04	Course Introduction		
Sept. 09-18	Genesis		
Sept. 23 to Oct.02	Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy		
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Oct. 07-16	Joshua, Judges, Ruth		
Oct. 21-30	First and Second Samuel		
Nov. 04-13	First and Second Kings		
	(First Essay Due)		
Nov. 18-20	Esther		
Dec. 02-04	Job		
Dec.09	Mid-Term Exam		
Jan. 06-08	Psalms		
Jan. 13-15	Proverbs		
Jan. 20-22	Ecclesiastes		
Jan. 27-29	The Song of Solomon		
Feb. 03-05	Daniel, Jonah		
Feb. 10-12	Luke		(Second Essay Due)
Feb. 24-26	Corinthians (1&2)		
March 02-04	Revelation		
March 09-18	Hamlet		
March 23-April 1	Pligrim's Progress		
April 06-15	TBA		