

Grande Prairie Regional College
English 3055
(The U of A English 305 Course)
Literature and Religion
3(3-0-0)

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Prerequisite: 6 credits of junior English

Course Description:

This course will address some closely linked topics in literature and religion mainly in the biblical tradition. We will focus on wide variety of concepts such as self-knowledge, imagination and nature.

Students will read selected biblical texts and works of literature from a different historical periods.

Texts:

The Broadview Anthology of Seventeenth-Century Verse and Prose (Broadview)
John Bunyan, *The Pilgrim's progress* (Oxford)
Bible (King James Version)

Essay 1	20%
in class essay	20%
essay 2	20%
attendance	10%
final exam	30%

Class participation is determined by appraising the student's contribution to the ambiance of the class. The criteria I use to assess "contribution" are: a student's willingness and ability to respond and ask questions, participate in discussions either in small peer groups or with the class, give occasional oral presentations, and above all else to attend class regularly. These are not given separate grades, but I do keep an accumulative record of what individual students contribute.

Ground Rules:

This course outline should be considered a guideline only. Time constraints and other unforeseen factors may require that some of the above topics be omitted or covered in less detail than indicated.

1. Cellular phones MUST be turned off during classes.
2. All work must be submitted personally to me. It is the student's responsibility to retain a photocopy or computer back-up copy of ALL assignments submitted for grading;
3. Work submitted for evaluation must be typed and double-spaced.
4. Late assignments will not be accepted unless arrangements for late submissions have been made with me prior to the date on which the assignment is due.