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GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

COURSE: English 332: Shakespeare

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. J. Mighton

CREDIT: 6(3-0) UT (6)

PREREQUISITE: Any one full-term or any two single-term junior English courses (numbered in the 200's)

DESCRIPTION: English 332 will focus on a selection of fourteen plays by the most renowned poet in English literature. The selection includes histories, comedies, and tragedies from the early to the late periods of Shakespeare's career. Some time will be spent exploring the political, social, cultural and historical milieu of Elizabethan England, but the principle emphasis will be on the language of the texts themselves (the manner in which Shakespeare transforms the given content into the unique form of his plays).

COURSE: 3 essays (20% each)

REQUIREMENTS: A 1 hour mid-term examination (10%)

A 3 hour final examination (30%)

Explication of two passages selected from the plays.

Marks will be deducted for papers turned in late. Attendance is expected at all classes. It will be assumed that students are aware of course material as well as announcements, deadlines, etc. given in class.

TEXTS:

The Taming of the Shrew

Romeo and Juliet

The Merchant of Venice

Richard II

Henry IV, Part 1

Henry IV, Part 2

Twelfth Night

Julius Caesar

Hamlet

Measure for Measure

King Lear

Macbeth

The Winter's Tale

The Tempest

The Signet Classic Edition of the above plays will be used in class. Frequent references will be made to the introductions, criticism, and explanatory notes contained in the Signet editions.

The Arden edition of most of the plays to be studied, as well as the audio-tapes, will be placed on the reserve shelf in the LRC.

Also "on reserve" are the following:

Kernan, Alvin. Modern Shakespearean Criticism: Essays on Style, Dramaturgy and Major Plays.

Tillyard, E.M.W. Shakespeare's History Plays

Scragg, Leah. Discovering Shakespeare's Meaning

Muir, Kenneth. Shakespeare's Tragic Sequence

(Other titles will be added during the course of the year.)