

Grande Prairie Regional College
EN3990 Science Fiction and Fantasy
English 3(3-0-0) UT 45 hours

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Course Description

In this course students will study a selection of major works in speculative fiction published after WWII and intended for a mass audience. We will read different forms of largely North American speculative fiction.

Course Objectives

We will explore how science fiction reacts to the problems of our modern time, and how this genre addresses our century's hopes for the future. In this **course, we** will examine speculative fiction as a literary forum both for optimists who believe that the lot of humanity can be improved and also for those pessimists who disagree.

Required Text:

J.R.R. Tolkien	<u>The Lord of the Rings</u>	(1954)
Frank Herbert	<u>Dune</u>	(1965)
Joanna Russ	<u>The Female Man</u>	(1975)
Douglas Adams	<u>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</u>	(1979)
Orson Scott Card	<u>Ender's Game</u>	(1984)
William Gibson	<u>Neuromancer</u>	(1984)
Octavia Butler	<u>Parable of the Sower</u>	(1994)

Term Work

The First Essay	25%
The Second Essay	25%
Presentation	10%
class participation	10%
Final Exam	30%