Department of English
ENGLISH 3381.001
Introduction to Literary Analysis
Fall 2021
F181 MW 2:30-3:45

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Office Hours Fall 2021
Monday: 1:00 p.m.--2:00 p.m.  F2F LAN 259
Tuesday: 9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. ONLINE ONLY
Wednesday: 1:00 p.m—2:00 p.m.  F2F LAN 259
Face-to-face, phone conferences or office appointments may be requested, but a 24-48 hour advance request should be made, and these appointments will be granted at a mutually agreed upon time.

Class Schedule: ENGL 1302.013  F 171 TR 8:00-9:15 Fall 16 week F2F
[Aug. 23-Dec. 10th]
ENGL 3381.001  F 181 MW 2:30-3:45 Fall 16 week F2F
[Aug. 23-Dec.10th]
ENGL 3381.002  Fall 16 week Online
[Aug. 23-Dec.10th]
ENGL 1302.020  Fall II 8 week Online
[Oct. 16-Dec. 10th]

COVID-19 POLICIES
• Although I cannot require you to do so, I encourage you to wear masks to protect both of us.
• In addition, if at all possible, appropriate physical distancing can help us stay safe.
• If you have been diagnosed with COVID, you should quarantine and report your illness to SFA. Contact tracing will be done, but your identity will be protected.
This class meets face to face, and you should attend class every day and check for e-mails and changes in work; if you become ill, please follow the procedure for absences by contacting the Office of Students Rights and Responsibilities. If any changes are made to class attendance or course delivery, I will notify you and provide information and means for us to conduct the work of the class in some other manner.

Texts:

ISBN-10: 032194562X
[Available through Amazon, or perhaps Barnes and Nobles bookstore]
OR through Pearson, Revel Texts Access Card, for $49.95 ISBN-13: 9780134435916


Course Description: English 3381 is a writing intensive course designed to prepare English majors, minors and those seeking teaching certification for the type of written literary analysis done in the English field. Though the course may follow introductory literature courses at the 2000 level, it is designed to be taken early in the major to introduce students to the various ways literature may be engaged and the critical schools of thought that exist in literary academics. English 3381 is designed to help students ponder notions about literature as art, and to help them explore more systematic as well as creative approaches to literary response. In addition, Eng. 3381 students will develop proficient research and documentation skills and learn to negotiate the large body of criticism which offers a core component of their written literary analysis.

The program objectives for the BA in English include the following learning objectives:
1. The student will demonstrate the ability to read complex texts, closely and accurately.
2. The student will demonstrate the ability to comprehend both traditional and contemporary schools/methods of critical theory and apply them to literary texts to generate relevant interpretations.
3. The student will demonstrate knowledge of literary history in regard to particular periods of World, British and American literature.
4. The student will demonstrate ability to effectively conduct literary research.
5. The student will demonstrate the ability to write clear, grammatically correct prose for a variety of purposes in regards to literary analysis.

**Student Learning Objectives/ goals for this course:**
1. To develop a framework for the formal study/analysis of literature. This framework will include the study of literary genres and some sub-genres and will include the study of the structural elements of those genres.
2. To become acquainted with a variety of authors and styles in the masterpieces of the Western canon.
3. To trace commonalities of theme throughout history and culture.
4. To further refine one’s abilities to interpret and analyze literature through oral discussions.
5. To provide students some key tools/foundational materials which will facilitate continued, independent study of literature.
6. To have students investigate through close critical reading and research how writers' purposes are affected by a variety of cultural contexts--disciplinary, professional, and social.
7. To examine literature from multiple perceptions and multiple literary/critical perspectives.
8. To develop and **perfect** a variety of ways of writing about the literature being analyzed.
9. To consider one’s professional and creative entrance into the field of critical analysis.
10. To have students ALWAYS maintain a courteous attitude and a positive, supportive, professional tone when responding to literature or to others’ comments about that literature.
11. To develop as a critical thinker and in the expression of one’s analysis of literary selections.
12. To locate and discriminate sources of literary criticism and to reflect upon and incorporate elements of this body of criticism in one’s own literary responses.
13. To follow documentation and formatting requirements in written work, as well as addressing mechanical and technical accuracy in written work.
Content and Assignments: Instruction will take place in the classroom and supplemented by instructional materials delivered through the “Content” tool in the D2L shell for the course. Every week or every few weeks, a new module will begin and that module will contain instructions, reading assignments and links to the various materials. Major assignments appear in the course calendar. Always make sure you have read the notes and other types of instructional material first, and then move to the assignments.

Additional Instruction: Additional 150 minutes of extended learning will need to take place in order to satisfy TEA regulations. This work will be accomplished through links entitled “ENRICHMENT” which will likely be posted in the D2L course shell.

Attendance: CLASSROOM POLICIES and FEATURES:

Discussions—We will have class discussions about a variety of topics this semester, and you will be expected to participate regularly. You will receive daily points for your conscientious participation in class.

E-mail—Please e-mail me in the D2L course or in my sfa e-mail; I will check e-mail at least once each weekday, and once on the weekend (probably Sunday nights). Please log on to the D2L course each day and check for e-mails and responses.

Office Hours—I will have five scheduled office hours each week. You may drop in during those times, or contact me by logging onto the course and using the “Page” feature in the e-mail tool. You will invite me to chat, and I will respond; this way we will be able to chat privately about any of your concerns. Since this feature allows communication with only one student at a time, you will need to be patient as you wait for me to finish with other students. You may also request a face-to-face meeting in my office (LAN 259) at other times mutually convenient, but that request must come at least twenty-four hours before the desired conference time. As the semester continues, I may find it helpful to have you come in for face-to-face meetings in my office, and we can discuss those times through e-mail, a phone call, or the page/chat feature to set up a scheduled office visit.

Attendance: http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/class_attendance_excused_abs.asp. University policy A-10 allows for students to be excused from class for the following reasons: illness, family emergencies, student participation in S.F.A.S.U.
sponsored events. It is the responsibility of the student to furnish the instructor with documentation upon return to class. See student handbook for guidelines on appropriate documentation. Documentation for absences should be submitted through the Office of Student Development (468-2703); official confirmation forms will be sent to the professors whose classes the student has missed. The official form must be in student folder for absence to be excused. Students will be allowed to make up work from excused absences only, and the work will be due upon return to class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor. Quizzes and tests must be taken during the regular office hours of the instructor; in-class writings must be done only in the presence of the instructor. Students who have 300 minutes or more of unexcused absence during a semester will automatically fail the course, and any student missing 450 minutes or more (excused, unexcused, or a combination of) will automatically receive an “F” for the course. Though extenuating circumstances may be discussed with the professor, if the student is not present when roll is called, he/she will be marked absent. Students may come in late, provided they do so without disrupting class; the professor is under no obligation to retract the absence; at the end of class, student should notify the professor of the tardy in writing—his/her name, date/time of entrance. Attendance, however, does not constitute automatic passing grades in the course.

Students will be allowed to make up work from excused absences only (essentially medical or family emergencies, or SFA sponsored activities) and the work will be due within a few days of the due date unless otherwise authorized by the professor.

**Late Work Policy:** As assignments are made well in advance, and listed in the calendar, they should be submitted by the due date or before; it is the policy of this instructor to refuse late work, unless a legitimate, documented excuse is provided. If the excuse is provided, the instructor will give special access to the assignment missed, and the due date will be input. Students should notify the professor when a problem arises, and should under most circumstances be able to arrange to have paper delivered to the professor within a few days if the original date due.

In the event you attempt to submit an assignment, and something glitches, take a screenshot, and e-mail me a copy of your completed work, along with the screenshot and explanation of what happened—either in D2L or to my swhatley@sfasu.edu address. You will still have to submit the assignment through the course tools (dropbox, discussion, quiz), and there will be several corrective steps to make this happen, so it is time consuming, but if you have e-
mailed it, we will have proof you had completed the assignment on time. Most assignments are due at 11:30 p.m., but you can avoid problems by not waiting until 11:20 or later to submit.

*NOTE--New Policy: One two-day extension will be granted each student once during the semester. Once granted, students will not be granted another for any reason.

**Grading:** Grades will total around 1700 possible points, with daily grades counting roughly twenty-five percent of the total grade. The following assignments will determine your grade average:

- Two short papers, 3-6 pages length (200 pts. each)
- One annotated bibliography/summary (200 pts.)
- One longer paper (10-12 pages) (400 pts.)
- Diagnostic Essay/Quizzes/daily grades/discussions/collaborative
- Work, projects (approximately 400 pts.)
- Two exam grades—Flannery O’Connor *Collected Stories*: A Collaborative Annotation (150 pts)
- Final exam over *Modern Stories of the South* (150 pts.)

**Essays:** All papers and exams are to be the exclusive work of the legitimate participant of the class (see student handbook under academic integrity at SFASU). All final drafts of essays are to be typed (word-processed), double-spaced, following MLA 2016 style. Essays will be submitted in D2L for the purpose of Turn-it-In compliance, and also in print form on the day it is due. A grading rubric will be used to evaluate the essays and the rubric will be uploaded in D2L. Essays will be evaluated holistically; grammatical mistakes and errors in usage will be marked and considered in the evaluation. Papers will consist of literary analysis, quotes and paraphrased passages from literary texts, and from secondary analytical sources about those works. Please save all your work as either an “rtf” file formatted file or a “doc” type file. Do not save as a “pages,” “PDF,” or “Google Doc” as these types of files cannot be read by D2L.

**Rewritten Essays:** Students will have the opportunity to rewrite essay 1 and 2 if their grade is below “70”. Please refer to the rewrite policy attached to this syllabus.

**AARC:** As there is a wide range of experience and preparation among Eng. 381 students, some skills (particularly research skills and documentation methods) must be "perfected" by students on an individual basis. The AARC tutors are particularly adept at helping students with these basic writing and research
questions, and though the professor is available during office hours, efforts should be made to seek answers to basic skills questions through the AARC. The AARC offers online tutorial help through the OWL (online writing lab) and this semester, they will also offer video chat tutoring, through the D2L tool called ZOOM.

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### University Policies

**Acceptable Student Behavior:**
Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic, or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance available to help SFA students succeed.

**Academic Integrity (A-9.1):**
Academic integrity is the responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways, including instruction on the components of academic honesty as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism. Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one’s own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one’s paper without giving the author due credit. Please read the complete policy at:

[http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp).
Discrimination/Harassment Policy: It is the policy of this instructor in this classroom that no persons will be discriminated against or harassed on the basis of gender, age, size, ethnicity/race—or any other category of difference. In fact, we celebrate difference in our classroom. In the event that discrimination/harassment takes place (either reported or observed) involved students will be required to conference with professor before returning to class. SFA policy E-46 governs these issues and establishes a clear procedure for those unable to comply with expectations.

Withheld Grades Policy (A-54):
At the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms, the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Students with Disabilities:
To obtain disability-related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

Title IX Policy Concerning Discrimination and Sexual Harassment:
Stephen F. Austin State University (university) is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from sex and gender-based discrimination. Sexual harassment, sexual violence, relationship violence, and stalking are forms of sex and gender-based discrimination and will not be tolerated. The university will take prompt disciplinary action against any individuals or organizations, within its control, who violate this policy. An employee who violates this policy is subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. A student who violates this policy is subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

In addition, if you speak with your instructor about an incident addressed in this
policy, your instructor is obligated to report that incident to the Title IX office; however, if you are the victim of an incident, in most cases, you will have control over any legal action that takes place regarding the perpetrator.

**Mental Health Resources**
SFASU values students’ mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. SFA provides a variety of resources to support students mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

**On-campus Resources:**
SFASU Counseling Services  
www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices  
3rd Floor Rusk Building  
936-468-2401

SFASU Human Services Counseling Clinic  
www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp  
Human Services Room 202  
936-468-1041

**Crisis Resources:**
Burke 24-hour crisis line 1(800) 392-8343  
Suicide Prevention Lifeline  1(800) 273-TALK (8255)  
Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741

**Grammar and Composition Links**
Guide to Grammar and Writing  
<http://webster.commnet.edu/HP/pages/darling/grammar.htm>  
Grammar Handbook  
<http://www.english.uiuc.edu/cws/wworkshop/grammarmenu.htm>  
GrammarNow! <http://www.grammarnow.com/>  

**Literary Links:** Voice of the Shuttle; www.themodernword.com;  
www.gutenburg.net; www.ibiblio.com; www.poems.com; and there are many, many others which I will attempt to share as the course progresses.

**Procedure for Rewriting an Essay: Online Student Version**

1) Your paper will be returned electronically with a request that you rewrite. Reread your graded paper and the comments I have included. Make sure that
you understand the original requirements of the prompt. In some cases, you may need to completely re-conceive the essay in order to satisfy the requirements. Rewriting is not just about “fixing the errors.”

2) Use your grammar handbook to help you understand the markings and comments I have made. You must understand what you have done wrong before you can rewrite.

3) Contact an AARC tutor (through the OWL or on campus) and discuss the graded paper and assignment with your tutor. Once your tutorial session has taken place, I will receive a notification. (You will as well, and you’ll need to save it, in the event I don’t receive one.) You need to chat with me, talk on the phone or come by my office hours after your AARC session in order to resubmit your paper.

4) When you are sure that you understand what your problems were on the original, rewrite the paper, proofread it, attach the AARC tutorial form, and submit in the assignment section entitled “Rewrites.” Rewrites will be graded as soon as possible after submission.

5) Rewrites must be submitted within one week of the returned original paper.

6) The grade for the rewritten essay will be averaged with the grade received on the original.
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Timeline

*Assignments as well as dates are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor. Discussions and chats are not listed in the timeline, but papers are listed in red, quizzes in green, and other dropbox assignments are in blue.

**Week 1: Aug. 23—Aug 29 [Aug. 27--5th class day]**
- Introductions
- Introduction Module
- Module I: What is Art?

**Aug. 30—Diagnostic Essay Due**

**Week 2: Aug. 30—Sept. 5**

- Module II: Genres, literary movements, terminology
- Literary Criticism/Literary Theory
- How to Get Started and Ways to Write

**Week 3: Sept. 6-12 [Sept. 7 last day to drop—12th class day]**
- Module III: Ch 1 and 2 of *Texts and Contexts*
- Quiz over Ch. 1 and 2
- Module IV: Ch 9

**Sept. 8: Short paper 1 due (Philosophy of Composition)**
Week 4: Sept. 13-19

—Quizzes associated with the Module IV library modules due
Module V: Ch. 3 and Ch. 4

Outlines for New Critical and Reader-Response theories

Week 5: Sept. 20-26

Module VI: Ch. 5 and Ch. 6

Week 6: Sept. 27—Oct. 3

Module VII: Ch. 7 and Ch. 8
Assignment from Module IV due (Annotated Bibliography/Summary)

Week 7: Oct. 4-10

Begin Module VIII: The Collected Stories of Flannery O’Connor
A Collaborative Reading
Read O’Connor

Week 8: Oct. 11-17

O’Connor

Week 9: Oct. 18-24 [Midterm Grades Due]

O’Connor
O’Connor—Criticism worksheets due

Week 10: Oct. 25-31

Annotations/ total list due

Week 11: Nov. 1-7

Long paper (O’Connor) due
Begin Module IX: Stories of the Modern South—

Week 12: Nov. 8-14

Stories of the Modern South

Week 13: Nov. 15-21

Critical Perspectives Quiz due
Stories of the Modern South

Week 14: Nov. 22-28

Thanksgiving Holiday

Week 15: Nov. 29-Dec. 5 [Dead Week; Nov. 29 Last Day to Withdraw from University
Short Paper #2 due (O’Connor’s Modern Contemporaries)

Week 16: Dec. 6-10 — (Finals Week)

Final Exam

**Final Exam Opens Dec. 10 at 8 a.m.—ends 10:00 p.m.** (must be taken in one sitting and can only be taken once.)