

English 427: Chaucer

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SYLLABUS

Jan	6	Introduction	
	8	Boethius, Consolation of Philosophy (1-3)	
	13	Boethius, Consolation of Philosophy (4-5)	
	15	Romance of the Rose (selections)	
	20	Canterbury Tales: General Prologue	
	22	Canterbury Tales: General Prologue	
	27	Knight's Tale	PAPER DUE
	29	Knight's Tale	
Feb	3	Miller's Tale / Reeve's & Cook's Tale	
	5	No Class	
	10	Wife of Bath's Tale	
	12	Wife of Bath's Tale	
	17	Wife of Bath's Tale	
	19	MIDTERM	
	24	Clerk's Tale	
	26	Franklin's Tale	
Mar	3	Pardoner's Tale	
	5	Prioress' Tale	
	10	Nun's Priest's Tale	PAPER DUE
	12	Nun's Priest's Tale/Manciple's Tale Parson's Tale / Retractions	

FINAL: MONDAY, MARCH 16, 12.30 PM.

Requirements: Midterm (20%), 2 papers (40%), Final (20%), Quizzes (10%), Class participation (10%). Papers must be handed in on the day they are due; you will lose one full grade for each day it is late (An A becomes a B).

Attendance: Attendance will be taken. 2 unexplained absences are allowed; your grade will be lowered one level (i.e. A becomes A-) each time you miss a class without an acceptable explanation (e.g. medical; doctor's note). No make-ups for missed quizzes if you are absent without explanation.

Academic Integrity: If you cheat on any exam or plagiarize (or collaborate) when you write your papers, you will be given an F and immediately expelled from the course. A report will be sent to the appropriate University officials.

Learning Outcomes:

1. to read Chaucer's language and works with discernment;
2. to understand cultural and/or historical information that situates the *Canterbury Tales* in late medieval England;
3. to perform critical, formal analyses of the texts;
4. to write focused, analytical essays in clear, grammatical prose;
5. to employ logic, creativity, and interpretive skills to produce original, persuasive arguments

Links

New Chaucer Society <http://newchaucersociety.org/>

For pronunciation: Harvard site:  
<http://www.courses.fas.harvard.edu/~chaucer/>