**HUM2250: Twentieth Century Humanities**

Course #: 19209

Instructor: Dr. Liz Bryant

Class Time: 11:30-1:25 Mondays and Wednesdays

Class Location: EC 004- 147

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**Course Textbook:**

**The Humanities Volume 5**. Ed. Henry M. Sayre. ISBN: 978-1-269-78039-1

**Other Readings:**

**The Great Gatsby** (<https://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/f/fitzgerald/f_scott/gatsby/contents.html>)

**Heart of Darkness** (<http://literatureproject.com/heart-darkness/>)

**Metamorphosis** (<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/5200/5200-h/5200-h.htm>)

In addition to being available online, I have reserved copies of these books for you at the library.

All other assigned readings will be posted to the course Blackboard site.

**Prerequisites**:

ENC 1101 or ENC 1101H.

**Course Description:**

This class provides an integrated examination of dominant ideas in Western culture expressed through art, literature, music, philosophy, and religion during the twentieth-century. This is a Gordon Rule course, which requires multiple college-level writing assignments. You must earn a minimum grade of a “C” to satisfy the Gordon Rule requirement.

**Course Objectives:**

This course surveys the Humanities or “Human achievement” in disciplines such as art, music, architecture, philosophy, and religion. Since this is a course focused on the 20th Century, the curriculum will be interdisciplinary not only in subjects such as art or music but also by comparing time periods (decades/eras), schools of thought, and global cultures. The Humanities ultimately teach academic and workplace oriented skills including critical thinking, the ability to empathize with and consider complex perspectives that differ from your own, and the ability to interpret and analyze complex information.

**Course Policies:**

**Academic Honesty:**

Valencia College policy 6Hx28: 8-11 states:

“All forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited at Valencia College. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, furnishing false information, forgery, alteration or misuse of documents, misconduct during a test situation, and misuse of identification with intent to defraud or deceive.

All work submitted by students is expected to be the result of the student’s individual thoughts, research and self-expression. Whenever a student uses ideas, wording or organization from another source, the source shall be appropriately acknowledged.”

In other words, DON’T CHEAT!!!! If you are in doubt about whether an action constitutes academic dishonesty, please speak with me or review the “Understanding Plagiarism” resources on Blackboard. I will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

Please note: any student found in violation of this policy will receive a grade of 0 on the assignment and may be subject to other disciplinary actions by the college.

**Students with Disabilities:**

Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a

notification from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific

needs with the instructor, preferably during the first week of class.

The Office for Students with Disabilities is located at Bldg. 5, Rm. 216 and their phone number 407-582-2229.

**BayCare Student Assistance Services**:

Valencia College strives to ensure all our students have a rewarding and successful college experience. To that purpose, Valencia students can get immediate help with issues dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, adjustment difficulties, substance abuse, time management as well as relationship problems dealing with school, home, or work. BayCare Behavioral Health Student Assistance Program (SAP) services are free to all Valencia students and available 24 hours a day by calling (800) 878-5470. If needed, the counselor may refer the student to appropriate resources or to speak face-to-face with a licensed counselor.

**Important Valencia College Quick Links:**

College Calendar:

<http://valenciacollege.edu/calendar/>

College Catalog:

<http://valenciacollege.edu/catalog/>

Valencia Policy Manual:

<http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/>

Student Handbook:

<http://valenciacollege.edu/pdf/studenthandbook.pdf>

**Course Website:**

Our course website can be found at: <http://learn.valenciacollege.edu/>

On this site, I will post your grades, any additional readings, and the PowerPoint presentations. This site is here to help you so it is essential that you be able to access it. Should you have any problems with Blackboard please contact technical support either at 407-582-5444 or <http://bbcrm.edusupportcenter.com/ics/support/default.asp?deptID=8191>

**Email:** [ebryant12@valenciacollege.edu](mailto:ebryant12@valenciacollege.edu)

Email is the easiest way to get in touch with me and I check my email regularly. However, it should be noted that it might take me longer than 24 hours to respond during holidays and weekends.

Any online correspondence must be cordial and respectful.

Please note: Do not email me through the course Blackboard site, as I do not check messages there as frequently as I do my Valencia email account.

**Cell Phones and General Courtesy:**

I expect everyone to be on time and to be quiet during lectures and films and stay for the entire class period. If you have an emergency and need to come late or leave early, please notify me ahead of time.

Turn your phones off prior to coming to class. If your cell phone rings repeatedly, I have permission to answer it for you.

Valencia College is a smoke free campus. While you are allowed to dip on school property, please refrain from doing so in class. It is gross and distracting.

In addition, Valencia College strives to provide a drug-free learning environment for all those involved in the academic experience. Our policy is as follows:

“In compliance with the provisions of the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, Valencia College will take such steps as are necessary in order to adopt and implement a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by Valencia College students or employees on college premises or as part of any college activity.”

Also, coming to class and texting/facebooking/instagramming/ tweeting/ emailing/ tindering/ etc. on your cell phone for the entire period benefits no one. You are not learning. Unplug for the 1 hour and 55 minutes. I promise you will survive.

**Office Hours:**

If you would like to speak with me outside of class, please email me so we can set up a mutually convenient time to meet either in person or via Skype.

**Computers and Taping Lectures:**

Laptops are fine to use for typing notes. They should not be used to video record classes.

Also, laptops should be used EXCLUSIVELY for taking notes in class. If you are doing something other than taking notes, and it interferes with either my teaching or the ability of people around you to concentrate, I reserve the right to ask that you no longer use a laptop in class.

I do not allow students to tape my classes without permission from the Office for Students with Disabilities.

**Withdrawals:**

Please note I do not withdraw students who have completed the first week of class. If you want to drop the class, you must do so by November 27 in order to receive a “W.”

**Missed Exams:**

Those who miss exams without prior permission who are without a valid excuse, such as illness requiring the care of a doctor or extreme personal emergencies, will receive a grade of 0 for that test. Please note: any make-up exams are subject to be in a different format than exams given in class (i.e. essay tests.)

As stated in the Valencia Catalog, excused absences are given when a student can show evidence of illness, death in immediate family, jury duty or other equally serious reasons for non-attendance.

Please note: all missed exam make-ups will be held on December 16.

**Grades:**

Your grade will be earned by your work on the following assignments, which are described below:

Test 1 100 points

Test 2 100 points

Attendance and Participation 100 points

Writing Assignment 1 (3x50 points each) 150 points

Writing Assignment 2 100 points

Total 550 points

**Points Earned Final Grade**

492-550 A

437-491 B

382-436 C

327-381 D

0- 326 F

**FINAL GRADES ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE.** If you are so drastically concerned with your grades, do not ask if you can do extra assignments, etc. during the last week of classes or after the class is finished. It is YOUR responsibility to come and see me early in the semester.

**Assignment Descriptions:**

**Tests**- These can include multiple choice, fill in the blank, true/false, author identification, short answer and/or essay questions. The material covered on the test will come from class lectures and assigned readings. Please note: the final exam is not cumulative, but several questions will test you on important themes that have been repeated throughout the semester.

**Please note:** In order to take an exam, you must be on time. If you arrive after the first person has completed the test, you will take an alternate version of the test on a later date. There will be no exceptions to this policy. There will be no opportunities to make up the final exam.

**Attendance and Participation**- This includes but is not limited to pop quizzes, minute papers, group activities, and participation in class discussions. You will not be successful in this course without regular class attendance.

**Writing Assignment 1:** You are to write précis for 3 of the assigned readings. Précis must be turned in to me in class on the date under which they are assigned. I will not accept any late précis, nor will I accept any email submissions. These are worth 50 points each for a total of 150 points. Full guidelines for the précis as well as an example can be found on Blackboard.

**Writing Assignment 2:** Paper on *Heart of Darkness, Metamorphosis*, or *The Great Gatsby*. After reading the book of your choice from the three listed above, you, in an essay of no less than 1000 words, will analyze various aspects relating to concepts and ideas you learned in class. Complete instructions are posted on Blackboard.

**Important Dates:**

November 11- Test 1

November 25- No class. Happy Thanksgiving!

November 27- Last day to drop the class and receive a W

December 14- Final Exam 11:30-1:25 in our classroom

December 16- Exam 1 Make Up; Time TBA

**Contact Information for Your Classmates:**

Please take down the contact information for 2-3 of your classmates. This way if you miss class for some reason, you have a resource to help you out.

Student Name:

Phone:

Email Address:

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Email Address:

**Fall 2015 Schedule**

Please note: This schedule is tentative and schedule to change at the instructor’s discretion.

October 7- Introduction to HUM2250; Turn of the Century America

October 12- Black Thought in early 20th Century America

October 14- Imperialism; Fin de Siècle Europe

October 19-Art Nouveau; Secessionism; Symbolism; Post-Impressionism

October 21- Cubism; Fauvism; Futurism

October 26- Modernist Dance; Early 20th Century Literature

October 28- Film in the Early 20th Century

November 2- Film in the Early 20th Century Continued

November 4- World War I and the Treaty of Versailles

November 9- Art in the Post-War World; New Objectivity Movement; Dada Movement; Sound Poetry

November 11- TEST 1

November 16- Literature in the Post-War World

November 18- The Russian Revolution; Russian vs. Soviet Art

November 23- Life in the US Post WW1; The Roaring 20s

November 25- No class! Happy Thanksgiving!

November 30- Emergence of the “New Negro,” Black Leadership; The Harlem Renaissance

December 2- The “Golden Age” of Film

December 7- Surrealism; Rise of Fascism

December 9- World War II and the Holocaust

December 14- Final Exam; 11:30-1:25 in our classroom

December 16- Exam 1 Make Up Day; Time TBA