
Sichuan University

School of Pittsburgh

Introduction to Literature

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Course Objectives:

Through the lectures and reading of texts assigned, students will learn the fundamental knowledge on the history and theories of literature.

Texts for the course:

1. 韦勒克、沃伦：《文学理论》，新修订版，刘象愚等译，杭州：浙江人民出版社，2017 年。
2. 布鲁克斯、沃伦：《理解诗歌》（*Understanding Poetry*），北京：外语教育与研究出版社，2004 年
3. 布鲁克斯、沃伦：《小说鉴赏（双鱼修订第 3 版）》（*Understanding Fiction, 3e*），主万等译，北京：世界图书出版公司北京公司，2008 年
4. 骆玉明编：《简明中国哲学史》，多个版本

Requirements:

1. Reading Notes.
2. Quizzes.
3. Final Paper.
4. Attendance.

Policies:

1. Grades Breakdown:

Final Paper 45%, Quizzes 20%, Reading Notes 20%, Attendance 15%.

2. Reading Quizzes: there will be four quizzes during the semester. Each quiz worths 5%.

QUIZZES MAY COVER ALL MATERIALS THAT THE INSTURCTOR MENTIONED DURING CLASSTIME BUT NOT IN HIS POWERPOINTS.

3. Reading Notes: students are expected to submit TWO reading notes for the whole semester. The first one will be due at the end of October and the second on the end of December. One should be on a novel or a drama with multiple scenes, and the other one should be on one or multiple verses or poems. Each should be no shorter than 5 pages long, double spaced, with 12 fonts. Each assignment is worth 10%. The assignments will be posted

ON THE BLACKBOARD. The grade of any late notes will be curved DOWNWARDLY.

4. The final paper will be a complete academic writing on a given topic. More details will be given when it is assigned. The paper is worth 45% and will be due on the last class day.
5. Notice: Students are expected to give a hard copy of their papers. **The grade of any late papers will be curved DOWNWARDLY**, except in some extreme cases where standard documents are available.
6. Attendance: Absence **MUST** be excused. Every unexcused absence will cause the student to lose 5% from his or her final grade. The lecturer may call your names in any time during the class.
7. 15 minutes after class time is late. Three lates without documented excuse will be considered as an absence.
8. Cheating and Plagiarism: The first Cheating in a quiz will reduce 10 points directly from the **WHOLE** credits of the course. The second Cheating in a quiz will **FAIL** the **COURSE**. **ANY** plagiarism **in the final paper will result an F of the COURSE**.
9. Disabilities: Students with documented disabilities are entitled to reasonable accommodations if needed. If you need accommodations, please contact me.