

EFFECTIVE: SEPTEMBER 2004 CURRICULUM GUIDELINES

A.	Division:	INSTRUCTIONAL	L	Effective Date:		Sep	tember 2004	
В.	Departmee			vision	X	New	Course	
				If Revision, Section(s) Revised:		C, F	I	
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C:	ENGLISH 2315	D:	THE COMIC	VISION		E :	3	
	Subject & Cour	rse No.	Descriptive	e Title				
	and at least and	-41i					rks of dram	a
	and at least one	other major genre.						

M: Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes

The successful student should be able to

- 1. recognize the significance of the literary and non-literary or cultural context of a work being studied, such as biographical, historical, mythological, and philosophical contexts;
- 2. read critically secondary sources, such as criticism and other texts by the same author, as an aid to comprehending the primary text being studied;
- 3. read critically and independently works or aspects of works not discussed in class;
- 4. understand the works studied in the context of theories and traditions of comedy, such as the comic hero, the absurdist vision, and psychological theories of comedy.
- 5. formulate a thesis on a given subject in one or more specific works and develop this, using suitable textual evidence.

N: Course Content:

Selected literary texts (see sample list).

Selected secondary source materials:

- autobiographical material
- biography
- literary criticism and theory
- cultural and intellectual history
- other arts (music, fine arts, film, etc.).

O: Methods of Instruction

- lecture/discussion
- interviews
- group work
- instructor feedback on students' written work

P: Textbooks and Materials to be Purchased by Students

Sample reading list:

Amis, Lucky Jim

Austen, Emma

Barnet, Eight Great Comedies

Richler, The Best of Modern Humour

Tyler, The Accidental Tourist

O: Means of Assessment

- A minimum of 15% must be in-class paragraphs or essays.
- A minimum of four evaluations, two of which must be academic essays with a combined value of at least 40% of the course grade

R: Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition: specify whether course is open for PLAR

No.