

## COURSE SYLLABUS, PART I: SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY BRITISH LITERATURE

ENGL 4394

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Texts: See bookstore.

### Course Requirements:

Mid-term exam	20%
Comprehensive Final exam	30%
Oral presentation	10%
Scholarly Book Review	20%
Annotated Bibliography	20%

### Course Policies:

**Blackboard:** You need to check Blackboard twice weekly for important information and course announcements, etc. Usually, I will send you an e-mail informing you that I have posted something on Blackboard. Your grades will be recorded on Blackboard as well

**Policy governing electronic devices:** Cell phones must be turned off during class. Text-messaging is prohibited. Laptops may be used in the classroom for note-taking only. If you use your laptop for other reasons, you will be prohibited from bringing it to class. Students are not permitted to “surf the net” even if they are looking up something about the current class discussion. If the professor desires to bring internet material into the class, she will do so at her discretion.

**Child policy:** No children will be permitted in the classroom for any reason.

**Disruptive or rude behavior:** If you are rude to the professor or anyone in your class, you will be given one warning only. Upon the second incident, you will be asked to leave the classroom.

**Dress Code:** All students will wear clothing which will not be a distraction to others. Keep in mind that we are all participating in an intelligent discussion, so business casual would be the most appropriate attire for this class.

**Language Code:** All students will refrain from using profanity. Remember that one of our purposes as English majors and minors—or simply students of language and literature—is to hone our existing vocabulary, or as the *Beowulf*-poet would phrase it, to develop our “word-hoard.” By doing so, we become more articulate, sophisticated users of the English language. As a result, we will be able to communicate our ideas more forcefully and precisely.

## **University Policies:**

### **Religious Holy Days**

Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence. “Religious holy day” means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20, Tax Code.

### **Americans with Disabilities Act**

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination.

Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance are expected

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to visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center, Lee Drain Annex (tel. 936.294.1720). They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: no accommodation can be made until the student registers with the Counseling Center. educational process.

For more specific information, click on the following links:

<http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/>

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/811006.pdf>

## **Course Syllabus, Part 2: English 4374: Seventeenth-Century British Literature**

Course Focus: Milton, Herbert, Donne, Bunyan

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Note on Quizzes:

***Reading/Lecture/Terms Quiz.*** This type of quiz tests students over the previous class day's lecture, terms defined, and the assigned reading for that day's discussion. This quiz is administered on both Tuesday and Thursday and is taken on a scan-tron quiz strip with a #2 pencil. [Purchasing two packets of quiz strips [15 questions on a strip] should be sufficient for the semester.] The quizzes are administered immediately at the beginning of class. If you are tardy, and the quiz administration has begun, you will not be allowed to take the quiz. ***[If an exam is scheduled for a particular day, no quizzes will be administered that day.]***

**Jan 18**

**Thurs:** Course Introduction

**Week 1: Jan 23 and 25**

**Tues:** Introduction to metaphysical poetry

**Thurs:** Discuss George Herbert: *The Temple*  
(structure, dating of manuscript, critical reception)

**Week 2: Jan 30 and Feb 1**

**Tues:** Discuss Part I: "The Church Porch"

**Thurs:** Continue discussion of Part I; Quiz 1

**Week 3: Feb 6 and 8**

**Tues:** Continue discussion of Part I: "The Church"

**Thurs:** Discussion of "The Church," Quiz 2

**Week 4: Feb 13 and 15**

**Tues:** Continue discussion of poems in "The Church"

**Thurs: Continue discussion of poems in “The Church.”**

**Week 5: Feb 20 and 22**

**Tues: Discuss Part III: “The Church Militant”**

**Thurs: Essay I due. Continue discussion of Part III, also “The Country Parson”**

**Week 6: Feb 27 and Mar 1**

**Tues: Discuss Donne: “Sonnets”**

**Thurs: Discuss Donne: “Sonnets”**

**Week 7: Mar 6 and 8**

**Tues: Discuss Donne: “Holy Sonnets”**

**Thurs: Discuss Donne: “Holy Sonnets”**

**Week 8: Mar 12-16**

**Spring Break**

**Week 9: Mar 20 and 22**

**Tues: Review for Exam**

**Thurs: Exam I**

**Week 10: Mar 27 and 29**

**Tues: Donne: selected Sermons**

**Thurs: Donne: selected Sermons**

**Week 11: Apr 3 and 5**

**Tues: Begin Bunyan: *Pilgrim’s Progress*  
(background information)**

**Thurs: Practice Annotated Bib due  
Discuss Part I: *Pilgrim’s Progress***

**Week 12: Apr 10 and 12**

**Tues: Discuss Part I: *Pilgrim’s Progress***

**Thurs: Individual conferences**

**Week 13: Apr 17 and 19**

**Tues: Discuss Part II: *Pilgrim's Progress***

**Thurs: Discuss Bunyan: Selected essays  
Annotated Bibliography due.**

**Week 14: Apr 24 and 26**

**Oral Presentations; Individual conferences.**

**Week 15: May 1 and 3**

**Oral Presentations**

**Week 16: May 7-10**

**Final exams. Consult Academic Calendar on the SHSU website for dates.**

**\*\*Assignment Dates may change. All changes to assignment dates will be announced in class.**