

Timetable:

You should complete one unit for every two full weeks of the Fall term. Please read the texts (listed below) and make notes on them before reading the lectures for each unit.

Unit I-Introductory Stories and Frankenstein

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Unit 2-The Time Machine, The War of the Worlds, and Utopian/Dystopian Stories

H. G. Wells, The Time Machine
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Assignments:

For each unit in this course, you should begin by reading the assigned text(s) (listed above). When you have finished the text(s), you should click on the learning module for that unit (these can be found on the left-hand menu bar on the OWL course site). Within the learning module, click on the assigned readings. These notes are designed to play the role that a lecture would play in an on-campus course.

Assignments must be submitted online. Go to the Assignments tab and click on the appropriate assignment to see the instructions/essay topics and to attach your assignments. Your papers will automatically be uploaded to turnitin simultaneously. I am using their software to comment on papers, so when the papers are returned (if you can see it in your gradebook, you can see the assignment too) check the turnitin version, grade mark tab for further commentary. Check to ensure your paper has uploaded properly. It is your responsibility to ensure its delivery.

Late Penalty and Extensions

Late essays will be penalized 2% per day, including weekends, unless the student has received an extension. Students must ask for extensions at least a week in advance of the due date and offer a good reason for the extension (academic workload, job schedule conflicts, and vacations are not good reasons). No extension will be given to any student on the day the assignment is due. Papers received more than 10 days late will receive a grade of 0.

If you miss an exam or an essay due date, or if you require an extension at the last minute on medical or compassionate grounds, you must notify your academic counsellor immediately and follow the procedure below.

The Participation Grade and Discussions

The one great drawback to an online course is the lack of classroom discussion. I therefore encourage students to use the Forums feature in OWL, which gives you the opportunity to discuss a text with your classmates. Your participation in these discussions is worth 10% of your grade.

Discussion questions are posted in the forums. You may use these questions to get a discussion of a text started, although you may certainly raise other questions or issues not included in the questions. Once a discussion is posted, you may respond to it or raise another issue. Post as many discussions and responses as you like.

Remember, these discussions replace in-class discussions and should, therefore, be seriously considered and analytical. Avoid using the Forums just to state whether you liked or disliked a text or to simply agree or disagree with a previous post. I will be checking the Forums at least three times a week, and I expect you to do likewise. Posting responses to questions without first

I will be locking the discussion threads at the end of each unit so that the discussion stays on track. For example, the discussion thread for Unit 1, which corresponds to the first two full weeks of classes, will be locked on Sunday, September 22 at 10:00 pm EDT. I will lock the next

Your participation grade will reflect both the quantity and quality of your contributions to the discussion board. Remember that any message posted in the Forums can be read by any member of the class. Use appropriate language and observe proper netiquette.

Final Exam

The final exam will be written in person at the approved exam centre that you selected when you registered for the course (see the Distance Studies section of the Academic Calendar for more information). It will not be an online exam. The final exam is scheduled by the Registrar. You must be prepared to write the exam on the dates assigned: do not make travel plans until the final exam schedule is posted.

Contacting your instructor

Email: I will always answer emails instantly; please allow 24 hours for a response on weekdays and 48 hours on weekends. (2) I will respond to short emails only.

Students must check their UWO email regularly for messages pertinent to the course.

Messages sent from email providers such as yahoo, gmail or Hotmail will not be answered, so please use our UWO email account for messages to your instructor. In addition, please ensure that your emails conform to the rudimentary standards of university discourse: emails should be written using correct grammar, complete sentences, and a professional tone. Rude or harassing emails, or emails from students requesting information readily available on the course outline, will not be answered.

Telephone: Students wanting to engage in an extended conversation about the course work . discussions or questions about lecture materials, essay or exam expectations or results, course readings, etc . may email me to set up a time that is convenient for both of us to have a telephone conversation. Either I will call you (if the call is not long distance) or you can call me at a phone number I will give you, depending on where I am the day of the appointment. Please note that I cannot return long-distance calls.

In person: Students who are in the London area and who would prefer to talk with me rather than by telephone or email may email me to set up a time that is convenient for both of us to meet at my office on campus.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to talk or ask questions about any topic or issue, including assignments, difficulties you are having with the course, suggestions for further reading, or clarification and expansion of issues raised in the readings or lecture notes. Unfortunately, most students wait until the last minute or until all hell is breaking loose before consulting their instructors. Please see me well ahead of deadlines and the onset of nervous breakdowns.

