



Department of English & Writing Studies

Disenchanted Chaucer: Authority and Literature in Medieval England
English 3315E (001)
Fall/Winter 2017-18

Instructor

Middle English Verse Romances. Ed. Donald B. Sands. Liverpool: Liverpool UP, 1986.
(MEVR) [This may not be available for a while, but you can get used copies from abe.com.]

****Middle English texts can vary widely between different editions, so please obtain *these editions*****

Recommended: Hacker, Diana.

Translation Tests:

You must be able to read Middle English to pass the course, and you must read it well to do well in the course. Translation tests will therefore be a regular part of the course.

The two lowest test scores will be discarded. An excuse for a missed test must meet the same standards as a late paper (i.e. *each* missed test).

Tests will be done at random throughout the year.

They will be held at any time within the class time (beginning, middle or end of class).

They will be short (6-8 lines or 15 minutes).

They will be drawn from the readings assigned for that day.

**IF YOU MISS FIVE TESTS (UNEXCUSED) YOU WILL
NOT BE ALLOWED TO WRITE THE EXAM.**

Exams:

Exams are scheduled by the University. **DO NOT MAKE TRAVEL PLANS UNTIL YOU KNOW YOUR EXAM SCHEDULE.**

Information for students:

Departmental and university policies related to course work, grades, plagiarism, appeals, etc. are available on the English Department website. Please see:

<http://www.uwo.ca/english/undergraduate/Student%20Information.html>

Timetable:

Read all assigned texts before class and *bring the book(s) with you*. We WILL be reading and talking about specific passages from the texts. Secondary sources are available from online databases through the Library. Heed the page or line numbers assigned.

Thurs. Sept. 7	First day of class: Intros and wotnots Read:
Tues. Sept. 12	Read: Chaucer, General Prologue (CT ll. 1-100, 118-162) CT, 511-33)
Thurs. Sept. 14	Read: The Three Estates, CS&B (153-7) Gower, <i>Vox clamantis</i> , CS&B (192-206, 215-228, 231-3) Geoffroi de Charny, CS&B (166-8, 207-9) Hugh of St. Victor, CS&B (210-214)
Tues. Sept. 19	Read: Chaucer, General Prologue (ll. 285-308, 45-476, 542-566, 715-859)
Thurs. Sept. 21	Read: Boccaccio, <i>Decameron</i> (CT, 312-26) CT, 326-7) CT, 327-32) CT, 492-502)

Plagiarism Checking:

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com <http://www.turnitin.com>.

All instances of plagiarism will be reported to the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. Proven cases of plagiarism will result in a grade of zero for the assignment. Subsequent offences will result in failure for the course.

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Services provided by the USC <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Student Development Centre <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to MentalHealth@Western:
<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.