

Department of English & Writing Studies
Canadian Literature: Creativity and the Local (CEL)
English 3580G (001)
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Instructor: Manina Jones

Course Day/Time: Mon. 10:30-

Course Location: Talbot College 201

Objectives:

- **Enrich your knowledge and understanding of local literature and culture**, and your own place in it. Considering different definitions, aims, and approaches to self- and community-based creative expression in local literary culture. Taking into account a variety of historical, cultural, generic, and social contexts, we will consider how and why the local imagination and imagination of the local matters.
- **Actively engage with other students and your community**, especially through Community Engaged Learning, which will offer the opportunity to team up with a community partner in a group project to explore, understand and support aspects of local culture.
- **Develop professional skills** such as teamwork, project organization, communications and technology skills, project management.
- **Develop your creativity**. Assignments for this course will sometimes offer you the opportunity to develop and demonstrate your writing and thinking skills in formats beyond the conventional research essay. They will require thoughtfulness, reflection, and care: don't be afraid to discuss your plans with me so we can make sure you're approaching an assignment in the most productive and beneficial way.
- **Develop your critical vocabulary, conceptual range, and methodological scope**. The course aims to introduce you to concepts, terms, and methodologies for reading and understanding literary texts in multiple dimensions (eg., aesthetic, formal, social, political,

Office hours: Your teaching team has scheduled office hours when we wait eagerly for students to drop by. You may also make an appointment for an alternative time. You are free to consult in person or via Zoom.

E-mail: Allow 24 hours for a response and remember that we may not check e-mail in the evenings or on weekends. If you want to have a discussion about lecture material, essay or exam expectations, course readings, or anything that requires an extended conversation, that's best done in person. Do not use email to submit essays.

Submit your papers on time. Papers submitted after the due date without prior permission will be deducted 2% per day late, including weekends. Papers submitted after the assignment has been returned to other students will not normally be accepted.

Academic Integrity. As members of a scholarly community, you have a duty to conduct yourself with honesty and responsibility. Don't be afraid to ask questions about how to identify and employ outside sources in your work. See Academic Offenses (below).

Accommodation Policies

Students with disabilities work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#).

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth (either alone or in combination) 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department.

Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Office of the Dean of the student's Faculty of registration, together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. The Student Medical Certificate (SMC) can be found at https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf.

The full policy is set out here:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

Religious Accommodation:

Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the [Western Multicultural Calendar](#).

Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

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