Emploi du temps -- Français 329
Representative French Authors: How to Place Them in Context
mardi & jeudi 11h-12h20
TH 310

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Purpose:
French 329 is designed as an introductory course in literary analysis focusing on French and Francophone literature from the Middle Ages through the 20th century. We will read selected texts as representative of the periods from which they date, as vehicles of certain ideologies, and as commentaries on the particular culture which they have contributed to shape. We will read different genres as well: from chantefable to poem, from conte to novel. Our semester's work will chart the interaction and intersection between French literature and culture.

Goals of this course include increasing your ability to think critically and effectively, improving your ability to read with understanding and pleasure, and introducing you to some notable texts and narrative forms. Understanding content is not sufficient to understanding literature. “Real art has the capacity to make us nervous. By reducing the work of art to its content and then interpreting that, one tames the work of art.” If content is not sufficient, as Susan Sontag insists, then what is? Jonathan Culler describes reading as follows: “To read is to participate in the play of the text, to locate zones of resistance and transparency, to isolate forms and determine their content and then treat that content in turn as form with its own content, to follow in short, the interplay of surface and envelope.” We will “participate in the play of the text” both individually and together.

Course organization:
French 329 is a discussion course. There is an underlying contract between the teacher and students as partners in an ongoing dialogue. It is imperative that students prepare assigned readings as scheduled so that they can contribute fully to class discussion. Every effort will be made to improve students’ skill and confidence in conversation. After three absences, the final grade for the course will automatically be lowered ½ of a grade per absence. Written work will consist of two essays (of 2 pages maximum), a midterm exam and a final exam. The course grade will be based on these 4 projects and on class participation (weighted equally). The class participation portion of the grade includes required participation (10 times during the semester minimum) on the D2L discussion list. All written and oral work will be done in French.

Papers are due by the end of class on the due date assigned. Papers not received by that time will receive a zero. Papers must be typed (double-spaced; 2-page maximum) and must be your own original thought. There will be no exceptions to these rules.
(A) Study Expectations and Class Participation Expectations
Students are required to read the material assigned for each class. Class participation consists of
(1) answering questions the instructor asks each day in class on the daily reading material, (2)
offering comments, making remarks, (3) participating in class discussions, and (4) asking
questions which show an understanding of the material in the daily reading assignments. The
grade will be awarded at the end of the semester on the basis of quality, insight, depth, and
quantity of contributions, but quantity alone will count for nothing. Class participation is an
essential part of this course. Attendance itself doesn’t count as participation, but missing classes
will count against class participation.

(B) Academic Dishonesty Policy
Dishonesty in academic matters undermines student intellectual development and the goal of
UWGB to develop the critically thinking, and writing, and problem-solving skills of the student.
Further, dishonesty undermines the foundations of the search for the true and the right in
philosophical matters. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not restricted to, copying, sharing
answers or questions, collaborating with others on work to be presented in written form except
where expressly permitted by the instructor, submitting work or a part of work previously
submitted in another course, and plagiarizing others’ work in papers. Academic dishonesty will
not be tolerated and will result in an F for the course grade.

(C) Policy on Disruptive Behaviors
No disruptive behaviors are allowed. To foster intellectual development and civil discourse, no
behavior that disrupts the learning atmosphere of classroom will be tolerated. Examples of
disruptive behavior include, but are not exhausted by:

Text messaging or taking phone calls in class: Cell phones must be turned off at the beginning
of class. This includes vibration and visual settings. No text messaging. If you must text message,
do not come to class.

Disrespect shown openly toward the professor or other students: It includes (1) talking with
others when the instructor is speaking to the class or students are involved in discussion, (2)
physical behavior or language that creates an uncomfortable situation that could be construed as
harassment or discrimination (sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical appearance, etc.),
(3) inappropriate or off-topic monopolization of discussions to the exclusion of other students, (4)
irrelevant questions and comments, (5) reading material (newspapers, etc.) other than assigned
course material during class time, (6) listening to anything through headphones, headsets, ear
buds, etc., during class time, and (7) distracting or inappropriate expressions, gestures, or body
language that hamper the conduct of the class.

Anyone who disrupts the learning atmosphere in such a manner will first be warned. If the
behavior does not stop, the student will be asked to leave and the final grade for the course will be
substantially lowered. If he/she does not comply, campus security will remove the student. Repeat
offenders will be referred to the Dean of Students. Continued disruptive behavior may result in
removal from the class and a failing grade.
Textes:

Aucassin et Nicolette
Molière, L’Ecole des femmes
Charrière, Lettres de Mistriss Henley publiées par son amie
Balzac, Gobseck
Sallenave, Viol
Perrault, "le Chat botté" (polycopié)

“The world of literature is human in shape... where the primary
Realities are not atoms or electrons but bodies,
and the primary forces not energy or gravitation
but love and death and passion and joy..

Northrop Fryé, The Educated Imaginatino

27 jan  Introduction au cours
29   Aucassin et Nicolette I-VI

3 fév  AN VII-XVI
5   AN XVII-XXVIII

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Toutes ces choses n’existaient pas
puisqu’on n’avait pas le droit
d’employer les mots qui les désignaient.

Marie Cardinal, Les Mots pour le dire

10 fév  AN XXIX-XLI
12   Molière, L’Ecole des femmes, Acte premier

17   EF Acte II/III
19   EF Acte IV/V

24   EF Fin de discussion
26   jour de redaction en classe
3 mars  Perrault  “le chat botté” 1ere dissertation à rendre
5  Charrière, Lettres de Mistriss Henley publiées par son amie, pp. 1-19

10  Charrière, Lettres de Mistriss Henley publiées par son amie
12  EXAMEN DU MI-SEMESTRE

17  CONGE DE PRINTEMPS
19  CONGE DE PRINTEMPS

24  Lettres de Mistriss Henley publiées par son amie,
26  Lettres de Mistriss Henley publiées par son amie fin de discussion / discussion de synthèse

31  Balzac, Gobseck 73-91
2 avril  Gobseck 73-91

7  Gobseck 91-104
9  Gobseck 105-128

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Vienne la nuit sonne l’heure
Les jours s’en vont je demeure.
G. Apollinaire,  Alcools
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14  jour de redaction en classe
16  Sallenave, Viol, pp. 9-30  2e dissertation à rendre
EXAMEN FINAL
10h30 à 12h30  jeudi, le 12 mai 2009

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Originality clause:
ALL written work handed into the professor **must** be the student’s own original thought and expression.

Accommodations statement:
As required by federal law and UWGB policy for individuals with disabilities, students with a documented disability who need accommodations must contact the Disability Services Office at 465-2841. Reasonable accommodations can be made unless they alter the essential components of the class. Please contact the instructor and Disability Coordinator in a timely manner to formulate alternative arrangements.

Disclaimer:
All dates on the syllabus are subject to change.

Learning Outcomes

All students who graduate from UW-Green Bay should achieve the three skill-based learning outcomes listed here in addition to domain specific learning outcomes. The general education program emphasizes developing these skills:

- The ability to communicate effectively through listening, speaking, reading, writing, and the use of computers.
- The ability to think critically.
- The ability to exercise problem-solving skills, such as problem identification and analysis, solution formulation, implementation and assessment, using an integrated, interdisciplinary approach.

Humanities Learning Outcomes

Have a fundamental understanding of the humanities including:

1. the significance and chronology of major events and movements in Western civilization,
2. a range of literature, representative of different literary forms and historical contexts, and
3. the role of the humanities in identifying and clarifying individual and social values in a culture and understanding the implications of decisions made on the basis of those values