



ENGL 350 Shakespeare

Fall 2024, Harlaxton

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Course Meeting Days and Time	Tuesday / Thursday, 2:30–3:45
Required Experiential Learning Dates	1. Leicester, 27 th September (Friday) 2. Stratford-upon-Avon, 1 st November (Friday)
Office Hours	Wednesdays, 1:30–3:00

Catalog Description:

In this course, we will examine the works of William Shakespeare in their literary, cultural, and historical contexts, as well as considering their relevance to our modern world. We will divide our readings into genres, considering select comedies (e.g., *A Midsummer Night's Dream*), histories (e.g., *Richard III*), tragedies (e.g., *Macbeth*), and Shakespeare's final play, *The Tempest*. We will also read some of Shakespeare's poetry (e.g., the sonnets).

We will also consider some adaptations of Shakespeare's plays, preferably in live performances (although we may need to make do with films, depending on the availability of relevant performances). We might even be able to visit some sites associated with Shakespeare, such as Stratford-upon-Avon and the Globe Theatre in London.

Credit Hour Policy Statement:

This class meets the federal credit hour policy of 1 hour of class with an expected 2 hours of additional student work outside of class each week for approximately 15 weeks for each hour of credit, or a total of 45-75 total hours for each credit. (Def 1)

General Education Requirements:

University of Evansville students enrolled on ENGL 350 are eligible for General Education credit for Outcome 2 and credit for Components A and E.

- Outcome 2: Engagement with imaginative expressions of the human condition
- Component A: Global diversity: International component
- Component E: Writing across the curriculum

Non-UE students will need to determine with their home campus how their course credit transfers.

Course Learning Objectives:

ENGL 350 focuses on a selection of William Shakespeare's plays and poems that have contributed to his enduring reputation in British and world literature. The course aims to situate you, at an introductory level, within spheres of Shakespeare Studies by enhancing your abilities to:

- a. contextualize and identify a variety of genres and dramatic styles in which Shakespeare wrote;
- b. use techniques of close-reading of the plays necessary for discussion, presentations and writing assignments;
- c. interpret the plays in terms of both historical contexts contemporary with Shakespeare and in terms of modern-day critical questions;

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- d. use performance in class together, on film and/or on stage to articulate multiple interpretations of the plays and to study the plays from the theatrical perspective of Shakespeare onstage;
- e. express your personal creativity and critical thinking.

Methods of Instructions:

A combination of in-class lectures, group discussion of literary texts, presentations, screenings, class-related activities and experiential learning days.

Textbooks and Required Reading:

The Norton Shakespeare, 3rd revised edition. (Norton Publishing) This has been edited especially for American students and has excellent supplemental information both in the volume and also digitally online. Students may use other editions or versions of the plays, although students will be responsible for the information in the official textbook.

Textbook readings will be supplemented with assorted articles available online or on reserve in the library.

Course Schedule:

[Schedule with Topics and Assignments. Note any required field trips and submission dates for examinations and assessed work. Provide a list with sufficient detail to justify time requirements.]

Grading Criteria:

Students will be graded on the follow activities:

1. Participation, 30%. This category includes regular attendance (see below, "Withdrawal and Attendance policies" for other ways attendance can affect a student's course grade), participation in class activities, presentations, and discussions. Please note that in-class activities may include quizzes on the readings and course lectures.
2. Midterm Project, 30%. The Midterm Project will have an analytical/written component of 1000 words; it will be due at the end of Week 7.
3. Research Paper, 40%. There will be a final research-based paper of 2500 words due at the end of Week 14.

Withdrawal and Attendance policies:

Harlaxton College expects regular class attendance by all students. Students are considered sufficiently mature to appreciate the necessity of regular and punctual attendance, to accept this personal responsibility and to accept the consequences of failure to attend. When absences occur due to emergency or medical reasons, students are expected to notify their instructors of the absence prior to class or to seek the assistance of the College nurse or a member of the Student Experience Team for help in notifying instructors.

Instructors have the authority to grant excused absences for medical, psychological, or personal reasons upon review of appropriate documentation and professional recommendation supporting such a request. In the event of long-term illness, reasonable accommodations will be made to allow a student to complete a course. In these cases, the Dean will need to approve the long term nature of the accommodation.

The Dean of Harlaxton College has the authority to grant excused absences for medical, psychological, or personal reasons.



Each instructor is expected to maintain an attendance policy in keeping with the nature of the Harlaxton program and may consider it in evaluating performance in their courses.

Policy Governing Unexcused Absences:

Harlaxton College operates an attendance policy that is binding on all faculty and students. The number of unexcused absences that are allowed before incurring a penalty is related to the number of times a class meets each week. For courses which meet three times a week, students are allowed a maximum of three unexcused absences during the semester without attracting penalty points. For courses meeting twice a week two such absences are permitted, and for courses meeting once a week a single absence is allowed. Additional unexcused absences will attract a grade penalty.

Each unexcused absences over the allowed amount will result in a course grade deduction of minus one-third letter grade (e.g., after one extra unexcused absence, an A- would become a B+).

Policy Governing Excused Absences.

- Excused absences are not given to facilitate student travel independent of College-sponsored travel.
- Students may be permitted to miss class because of participation in academic field trips.
- Instructors must co-ordinate and confirm academic fieldtrips with the Dean, prior to the commencement of the Semester to ensure their inclusion in the Semester timetable.
- Where authorization for an academic fieldtrip is requested after the commencement of the semester, the request must be submitted to the Dean.

The following information is required:

- Purpose and brief description of the official Harlaxton event or academic fieldtrip.
- Dates, location, and times (as applicable).
- Alphabetical list of students involved [Last Name/First Name] along with their student identification number.

If approval is granted:

- Instructors affected will be notified at least one week prior to the class period during which absence is anticipated, or as soon as possible.
- Missed class time due to student participation is to be considered an excused absence.
- The grade of a student may not be lowered in any class due to excused absences.
- It is the student's responsibility - to take the initiative by consulting with their instructors before the absence occurs, and - to do what is required by the instructor to make up all missed assignments and/or examinations.
- Instructors are required to assist students in these occasional situations of excused absences.

Honor Code:

All students at the University of Evansville agree to the University honor code: *I will neither give nor receive unauthorized aid, nor will I tolerate an environment that condones the use of unauthorized aid.*

AI may be used only with prior permission or direction by the instructor.

- All work submitted in this course must be your own.
- The use of generative AI composition tools, such as those offered by ChatGPT, Google Bard etc. is prohibited in this course except for specific assignments and subject to the instructor's guidelines.
- Work generated by such tools without proper attribution is plagiarism and, thereby, a breach of the University's Plagiarism and Academic Honesty policy.



Disability Policy:

It is the policy and practice of the University of Evansville to make reasonable accommodations for students with properly documented disabilities. Students should contact Disability Services within the Office of Counseling Services by calling 812-488-2663 to seek services or accommodations for disabilities. Written notification to faculty from Disability Services is required for academic accommodations.

The University of Evansville Disability Services office will share the request for academic accommodations with the Academic Support team at Harlaxton College. Staff members at Harlaxton will meet individually with students to discuss needs and provide additional information related to examinations or other assessments.

Students from partner institutions should provide the appropriate letter of accommodation from their institution to the Academic Support team at Harlaxton College.



Non-Discrimination Statement

The University of Evansville expects all members of its community to treat each other with respect and civility. Harassing behaviors directed towards any member of our community will not be tolerated. As part of its commitment to non-discrimination, the University specifically prohibits harassment based on any other characteristics set forth in its nondiscrimination statement as follows: including race, color, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, creed or religion, national origin, age, disability, veteran status and all federally protected groups/classes. Any form of harassment undermines the mission of the University and negatively impacts the University community as a whole.

Prohibited Conduct and Confidentiality

The University of Evansville is committed to fostering an atmosphere free from harassment and discrimination. This commitment includes identifying problems that may lead to sexual harassment and misconduct, as well as other forms of harassment and discrimination, by creating an atmosphere in which the entire University community is sensitive to preventing prohibited conduct. Additionally, the University is committed to providing support and resources to individuals who have experienced prohibited conduct. This commitment includes effectively responding when a student, visitor, guest or program participant is the victim of prohibited conduct.

All campus employees, students, and guests are required to abide by the Title IX and Other Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Policy, the Harassment and Discrimination Policy, and the Consensual Sexual or Romantic Relationships Between Employees and Students Policy. Violation of these policies could result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion for students and termination for employees.

Faculty members at the University of Evansville are considered “Responsible Employees” under the applicable federal guidelines and the University’s policies. This means that I am unable to offer you confidentiality if you report any incidence of prohibited conduct to me as defined by Title IX statute. If I am made aware of a violation, I am required to report any known information to the Office of Institutional Equity.

You may choose to report the violation yourself the following ways:

Email: · Annie Sills, Assistant Director of Institutional Equity and Title IX Coordinator: cs175@evansville.edu ·

Keith Gehlhausen, Executive Director of HR and Institutional Equity: kg77@evansville.edu ·

Title IX: titleix@evansville.edu

Phone: 812-288-5261

Online: <https://www.evansville.edu/safety/report.cfm>

You may also choose to speak with a Confidential Resource. Confidential Resources are required to maintain confidentiality and cannot report violations to the Office of Institutional Equity:

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- Counseling Services: counselingservices@evansville.edu, 812-488-2633
- Health Center Professionals: healthcenter@evansville.edu, 812-488-2033
- University Chaplain: chaplain@evansville.edu, 812-488-5262

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- College Nurse: Lesley Selby, RGN, +44 01476 403027, lselect@harlaxton.ac.uk
- Counselling Services: counselling@harlaxton.ac.uk