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**English 3504/001
Film and Literature
Dying is Easy; Comedy is Hard
Fall, 2016**

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TEXTS

Austen, Jane. *Pride and Prejudice*.

Dick, B. *Anatomy of Film*, 6th ed.

Fielding, Helen. *Bridget Jones's Diary*.

Kesey, Ken. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

Shakespeare, Will. *The Taming of the Shrew*.

ASSIGNMENTS

I will distribute a schedule of reading assignments. Especially because this course meets once a week, you must come to class regularly, and you must come prepared! You will also be responsible for short weekly reading quizzes, two short papers, and a final project/paper.

GRADING

Papers: 60%

Final Paper/Project: 40%

ATTENDANCE

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Dishonesty of any sort can result in a failing grade in the course.

DISABILITY INFORMATION

If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodation, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services at 581-6583 as soon as possible.

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Tentative Schedule

PART ONE: INTRODUCTION TO COMEDY (or, why are we laughing?)

- Sept 01 Slapstick
- Sept 08 **Kesey, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest***
- Sept 15 Forman, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (1975)

PART TWO: WHO DECIDES WHAT IS FUNNY?

- Sept 22 Linklater, *Bernie* (2011)
- Sept 27 **Twain, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn***
- Oct 06 Townsend, *Hollywood Shuffle* (1987)
- Oct 13 Dayton & Faris, *Little Miss Sunshine* (2006) *****PAPER ONE DUE**
- Oct 20 Heckerling, *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* (1982)

PART THREE: GENDER AND COMEDY

- Oct 27 **Austen, *Pride and Prejudice***
- Nov 03 Capra, *It Happened One Night* (1934)
- Nov 10 Shakespeare/Zeffirelli, *The Taming of the Shrew* (1967)
- Nov 17 Fielding/Maguire, *Bridget Jones's Diary* (2001) *****PAPER TWO DUE**
- Nov 24 **THANKSGIVING BREAK!!!**
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