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English 3801.001: Chaucer
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Secondary Material: Derek Pearsall, The Canterbury Tales

Schedule of Readings and Assignments

January 14: Introduction to the course: Chaucer and His Language

21: General Prologue, lines 1-410 (Reading Quiz)

28: General Prologue, lines 411-858 (Reading Quiz)

February 4: Knight's Tale, lines 859-1880 (Reading Quiz)

11: Knight's Tale, lines 1881-3108

18: Miller's Tale, Reeve's Tale, Cook's Tale

** Exam 1**

25: Man of Law's Tale, Wife of Bath's Prologue

March 4: Wife of Bath's Tale, Friar's Tale, Summoner's Tale

11: Spring Holiday

18: Clerk's Tale, Merchant's Tale

25: Squire's Tale, Franklin's Tale

April 1: Physician's Tale, Pardoner's Prologue and Tale

** Exam 2**

8: Shipman's Tale, Prioress's Tale, Tale of Sir Thopas, (Tale of Melibee)

15: Monk's Tale, Nun's Priest's Tale

** Last Day to Turn in Essay **

22: Second Nun's Tale, Canon's Yeoman's Prologue and Tale

29: Manciple's Tale, (Parson's Tale), Retraction

May 6: Final Examination, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Course Requirements and Grading

Final grades will be determined on a 100-point scale:

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Course Grade:  
- **A** = 90-100;  
- **B** = 80-89.99;  
- **C** = 70-79.99;  
- **D** = 60-60.99;  
- **F** = below 60

**Reading Quiz:** To pass the class, you must pass a Middle English reading quiz, which will consist of translating a short passage from the day’s assigned reading. I will offer these quizzes once each week at the beginning of the semester, and then as necessary. (Don’t expect to pass the first time!)

**Essay:** Your essay should be about 7 pages long (ca. 2100 words). Grading will be based on what you have to say and how well you say it.

**Study Sheets:** Study sheets are intended to encourage you to read carefully and thoughtfully for each class session. They must be turned in on time.

Course/University Policies

**Typing.** All essays must be typed (double-spaced with one-inch margins).

**Honor Policy.** Education depends on trust. I will trust you unless I have reason not to. But... should you cheat and I find out about it, you can expect to fail the course. The University may take additional action.

**Plagiarism.** If you use other people’s words or ideas without citing your sources and indicating when you have quoted, you risk failing an assignment or even the course depending on how serious I judge the offense. If you are not sure what plagiarism is, or whether a particular use of language constitutes plagiarism, ask me before you turn in an assignment.

**Students with Disabilities.** “If you have a documented disability and wish to receive academic accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) as soon as possible.”