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**Text:** The Canterbury Tales, Larry D. Benson, gen. ed.  
**Secondary Material:** Derek Pearsall, The Canterbury Tales

### Schedule of Readings and Assignments

**January**
- 12: Introduction to the course: Chaucer and His Language  
- 14: The General Prologue, lines 1-164  
  - 19: GP, lines 165-360  
  - 21: GP, lines 361-541  
- 26: GP, lines 542-858  
- 28: The Knight’s Tale, lines 859-1354

**February**
- 1: KnT, lines 1355-1880  
- 3: KnT, lines 1881-2482  
  - 8: KnT, lines 2483-3108  
  - 10: The Miller’s Tale  
- 15: The Reeve’s Tale and the Cook’s Tale  
- 17: The Man of Law’s Tale  
- 22: The Wife of Bath’s Prologue and Tale  
- 24: The Friar’s Tale

**March**
- 1: The Summoner’s Tale  
  - 3: **Midterm Exam**  
  - 8: The Clerk’s Tale  
  - 10: The Merchant’s Tale  
- 15: Spring  
- 17: Vacation  
- 22: The Squire’s Tale and the Franklin’s Tale  
- 24: The Franklin’s Tale and the Physician’s Tale

**April**
- 5: The Prioress’s Tale  
- 7: The Tale of Sir Thopas and the Tale of Melibee  
- 12: The Monk’s Tale  
  - **Last Day to Turn in Essay**  
- 14: The Nun’s Priest’s Tale
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."