COURSE DESCRIPTION

We will read ten representative plays: three comedies, three histories, three tragedies, and one romance. We will approach these plays as literature and as spectacle, as studied texts and as staged action. Class sessions will involve primarily informal lecture and discussion in the course of which we will consider such matters as genre, theme, imagery, structure, characterization, dramatic conventions, and sources. Frequent use of scenes from various productions on video will draw our attention to production as interpretation, reinterpretation, and revision.


COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance, consistent contribution to discussion, two major papers (eight-ten pages), mid-term exam, final exam, assorted quizzes and response statements.
All assigned work must be completed to pass the course.

GRADES

Each paper counts one-fourth of the final course grade, the average of the mid-term and final exams counts one-fourth, and the average of grades for quizzes, response writing and participation make up the final fourth of the course grade.

CALENDAR

Jan. 11
Jan. 13, 18, 20
Jan. 25, 27, Feb. 1
Feb. 3, 8, 10
Feb. 15, 17, 22
Feb. 24, 29, Mar. 2, 7
Mar. 9, 21, 23
Mar. 28, 30, Apr. 4

Introduction to the course
A Midsummer Night's Dream
As You Like It
Twelfth Night
Richard II
Feb. 24: First Paper due
Henry IV Part I
March 7: Mid-Term
Henry IV Part II
Othello
Ap. 6, 11, 13, 18
Ap. 20, 25, 27
Ap. 27: Last Class Day; Last Paper due

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM

"Any teacher who discovers an act of plagiarism -- 'The appropriation or imitation of the language, ideas, and/or thoughts of another author, and representation of them as one's original work' --has the right and the responsibility to impose upon the guilty student an appropriate penalty, up to and including immediate assignment of a grade of F for the course."

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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