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Mission

The offering in English is designed to foster good writing, effective speaking, and heightened understanding of culturally significant texts. We encourage students majoring in English to develop their responsiveness to the literary imagination and their sensitivity to literary form through disciplined attention to language, historical contexts, and critical and scholarly methods.

For all students, including transfers, a minimum of six semester courses must be completed while the student is in residence at Barnard.

Student Learning Objectives for the English Major and the American Literature, Film, Theatre, and Creative Writing Concentrations

Our objectives represent the teaching aims of the English Department. All instructors are free to decide which of these objectives are consistent with their particular courses and teaching methods.

Students who graduate with a major in English should be able to obtain the following objectives:

- demonstrate critical and analytical reading skills.
- demonstrate critical and analytical writing skills.
- display an understanding of literary genre, form, and language.
- show a familiarity with the issues of literary criticism and theory.
- show an awareness of literary history.
- engage deeply with at least one major author.
- incorporate secondary sources, with proper citations, in a larger essay.
- understand texts in their cultural contexts.

Specific to the American Literature Concentration:

- demonstrate familiarity with American authors and texts across the span of American literary history.
- analyze American texts of various genres including poetry, fiction, drama, autobiography, and political documents.
- write a substantial research project on American texts. This project should integrate primary and secondary materials, demonstrating the student's ability to analyze texts and her familiarity with the critical landscape.

Specific to the Creative Writing Concentration:

- develop a mastery of the linguistic demands of a variety of literary forms.
- demonstrate a critically sound grasp of structure in prose and poetry.
- explore the formal possibilities of the genres in which they are working.
- develop critical sophistication in reading and speaking about others' work.
- grasp the importance of thoroughly revising their own work.
- detect concrete and figurative language in others' work.
- achieve precision in their own use of concrete and figurative language.
- produce an original piece of fiction, a set of poems, a play, or a work of creative non-fiction.

Specific to the Film Studies Concentration:

- explain the major concepts or ideas of film theory.
- write a basic/elementary screenplay.
- demonstrate an understanding of film's relationship to a range of other disciplines across the humanities and social sciences.

Specific to the Theatre Concentration:

- analyze dramatic literature in the context of theatre history, theory, criticism, and performance.
- develop skills in critical reading and writing, textual analysis, independent research, and oral presentation.

2021-22 Faculty

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Peter Platt (Ann Whitney Olin Professor of English)

Associate Chair
Patricia Denison (Senior Lecturer, English Department/Theatre Department Liaison)

Professors
James Basker (Richard Gilder Professor of Literary History)
Christopher Baswell (Ann Whitney Olin Professor of English at Barnard College and Columbia University)
Yvette Christiansé (Director, Africana Studies Department; Ann Whitney Olin Professor of English and Africana Studies)
Lisa Gordis (Ann Whitney Olin Professor of English)
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Kim Hall (Lucyle Hook Professor of English and Africana Studies)
Ross Hamilton (Director, Film Studies Program)
Saskia Hamilton (Vice Provost; Director, Women Poets at Barnard)
Jennie Kassanoff (Professor of English; Adolph S. and Effie Ochs Professor of American Studies and History)
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Professor of Professional Practice
Hisham Matar (Professor of Professional Practice in English and Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures)

Senior Lecturers
Requirements for the Major

A major program consists of at least ten courses that are a minimum of 35 credits in total. Six of the ten must be taken at Barnard or Columbia.

ENGL BC3193 Critical Writing (Best taken in the sophomore year.) 4

ENGL BC3159 and ENGL BC3160 The English Colloquium. 1 8
Two courses in literature written before 1900. 2 6-8
Three electives chosen from the entire English Department offering, excluding The English Conference. One of these courses must be a literature class. 3 9-12

Two senior seminars given by the Barnard English Department. 4 8
A course in American literature. It can simultaneously fulfill other requirements (elective, before 1900, etc.) where appropriate. 3-4

1 Taken in the junior year. All sections of BC3159 (fall semester) are on the Renaissance; all sections of BC3160 (spring semester) are on the Enlightenment. Students may substitute three courses for the two semesters of Colloquium. At least one of these three must cover literature before 1660 (i.e., Medieval or Renaissance); one other must cover literature of the 17th or 18th century (i.e., The Age of Enlightenment); the last can cover either literature before 1660 or literature of the 17th or 18th century. Students may also take one Colloquium and two substitutions, as long as one of the substitutions covers literature of the same period as the Colloquium it replaces. The other substitution may cover either literature of that same time period or literature of the time period of the other Colloquium. In either case, one of the courses used as a substitution for either Colloquium will also count towards satisfying the "before 1900" requirement. Please note that only one Colloquium substitution may be a Shakespeare course. For further details, refer to the Substitutions tab above.

2 If you have substituted courses for the Colloquium requirement, one of the substitutions will count towards fulfillment of this requirement. For details, refer to the Substitutions tab above.

3 With the approval of the Chair of the Barnard Department of English, one course based in the literature of a foreign language (in English translation or in the original language) can count as an elective.
Seniors who wish to substitute an independent study for a senior seminar should consult the Chair of the English Department.

Permission is given rarely and only to proposals meeting the criteria specified under the guidelines for ENGL BC3999 Independent Study.

**Concentrations in the Major**

**American Literature**

An English major with a concentration in American literature consists of 10 courses that are a minimum of 35 credits in total. Six of the 10 must be taken at Barnard or Columbia. Students interested in an American literature concentration should consult with Prof. Lisa Gordis.

- ENGL BC3193 Critical Writing (Best taken in the sophomore year.) 4
- ENGL BC3159 and ENGL BC3160 The English Colloquium. 1 8
- Two courses in literature written before 1900. One of these courses must be either 2
  - ENGL BC3179 American Literature to 1800
  - or ENGL BC3180 American Literature, 1800-1870
- One survey course on American literature between 1871 and the present, either
  - ENGL BC3181 American Literature, 1871-1945
  - or ENGL BC3183 American Literature since 1945
- An additional American literature course. 3-4
- An elective chosen from the entire English Department offering, excluding The English Conference. 3-4
- Two senior seminars, one of which must focus on American literature. 8

1 Taken in the junior year. All sections of BC3159 (fall semester) are on the Enlightenment. Students may substitute three courses for the two semesters of Colloquium. At least one of these must cover literature before 1660 (i.e., Medieval or Renaissance); one other must cover literature of the 17th or 18th century (i.e., The Age of Enlightenment); the last can cover either literature before 1660 or literature of the 17th or 18th century. Students may also take one Colloquium and two substitutions, as long as one of the substitutions covers literature of the same period as the Colloquium it replaces. The other substitution may cover either literature of that same time period or literature of the time period of the other Colloquium. In either case, one of the courses used as a substitution for either Colloquium will also count towards satisfying the "before 1900" requirement. Please note that only one Colloquium substitution may be a Shakespeare course. For further details, refer to the Substitutions tab above.

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**Creative Writing**

An English major with a concentration in creative writing consists of 11 courses that are a minimum of 38 credits in total. Six of the 11 must be taken at Barnard or Columbia. The creative writing concentration differs from the others in that students must submit an application to be considered for it.

Interested majors must be in the second semester of their junior year to apply. Applications are due by the last day of the advanced registration period in that semester (occurring in mid-April for the spring semester or in mid-November for the fall semester). The application deadline for English majors who are second semester juniors in fall 2021 will be 11:59 pm ET on Friday, November 19, 2021.

Applications must consist of 15-20 pages of prose (including fiction, personal narrative, creative non-fiction or playwriting) and/or poetry writing, and must be submitted online via the Barnard Creative Writing Concentration Application Form.

Students interested in a creative writing concentration should consult with Prof. Ken Chen, Dr. Timea Szell, or Sarah Hilligoss (shilligoss@barnard.edu).

ENGL BC3193 Critical Writing (Best taken in the sophomore year.) 4
- ENGL BC3159 and ENGL BC3160 The English Colloquium. 1 8
- Two courses in literature written before 1900. 2 6-8
- Two creative writing courses, preferably one introductory and one advanced.

Introductory writing courses include
- ENGL BC3105 through BC3113
- ENGL BC3120 Creative Non-Fiction: Making Facts Sing
- ENGL BC3122 Creative Non-Fiction: The Gendered Memoir
- ENGL BC3134 CREATIVE NON-FICTION

Advanced writing courses include
- ENGL BC3114 through BC3118
- ENGL BC3125 ADVANCED POETRY WRITING II
- ENGL BC3126 Advanced Projects in Prose Writing
- ENGL BC3132 Fiction Writing: Longer Forms
- ENGL BC3150 Invention, Revision, and Imagination
- ENGL BC3152 Creative Nonfiction: The Queer Story
- ENGL BC3208 What’s Your Story Anyway?—Trauma Resistance through Creative Writing
- ENGL BC3223 NEW YORK IN TEN OBJECTS
- ENGL BC3229 American Lives, American Stories

Two electives chosen from the entire English Department offering, excluding The English Conference. One of these electives must be a literature class. The other elective may be in literature or creative writing. 3 6-8

One senior seminar given by the Barnard English Department. 4 4

A Senior Project 5 4

A course in American literature. It can simultaneously fulfill other requirements (elective, before 1900, etc.) where appropriate. 3-4
Footnotes

1 Taken in the junior year. All sections of BC3159 (fall semester) are on the Renaissance; all sections of BC3160 (spring semester) are on the Enlightenment. Students may substitute three courses for the two semesters of Colloquium. At least one of these three must cover literature before 1660 (i.e., Medieval or Renaissance); one other must cover literature of the 17th or 18th century (i.e., The Age of Enlightenment); the last can cover either literature before 1660 or literature of the 17th or 18th century. Students may also take one Colloquium and two substitutions, as long as one of the substitutions covers literature of the same period as the Colloquium it replaces. The other substitution may cover either literature of that same time period or literature of the time period of the other Colloquium. In either case, one of the courses used as a substitution for either Colloquium will also count towards satisfying the "before 1900" requirement. Please note that only one Colloquium substitution may be a Shakespeare course. For further details, refer to the Substitutions tab above.

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3 With the approval of the Chair of the Barnard Department of English, one course based in the literature of a foreign language (in English translation or in the original language) can count as an elective.

4 Seniors who wish to substitute an independent study for a senior seminar should consult the Chair of the English Department. Permission is given rarely and only to proposals meeting the criteria specified under the guidelines for ENGL BC3999 Independent Study.

5 This is usually written in a creative writing course that is combined with ENGL BC3996. In rare cases, the senior project may be written in ENGL BC3999 Independent Study.

Film Studies
An English major with a concentration in film studies consists of 11 courses that are a minimum of 38 credits in total. Six of the 11 must be taken at Barnard or Columbia. Students interested in a film studies concentration should consult with Prof. Ross Hamilton.

ENGL BC3193 Critical Writing (Best taken in the sophomore year.) 4
ENGL BC3159 and ENGL BC3160 The English Colloquium. 1 8
Two courses in literature before 1900. 2 6-8
A literature elective. The literature elective may be chosen from the entire English Department offering, excluding The English Conference. 3-4
An introductory course on film and film theory. This course can be either 3
FILM BC3201 INTRO FILM # MEDIA STUDIES 3
or FILM UN1000 Introduction to Film and Media Studies
A course on screenwriting. Select one of the following. 3
FILM BC3119 SCREENWRITING FUNDAMENTALS
FILM BC3120 ADVANCED SCREENWRITING
A film course selected from among specific offerings at Barnard or Columbia. This course must be approved by the Director of Film Studies Program. 3-4
Two senior seminars given by the Barnard English Department, one of which must focus on film. 3
A course in American literature. It can simultaneously fulfill other requirements (elective, before 1900, etc.) where appropriate. 3-4

Theatre
An English major with a concentration in theatre consists of 11 courses that are a minimum of 39 credits in total. Six of the 11 must be taken at Barnard or Columbia. Students interested in a theatre concentration should consult with Prof. Patricia Denison or Prof. Pamela Cobrin.

ENGL BC3193 Critical Writing (Best taken in the sophomore year.) 4
ENGL BC3159 and ENGL BC3160 The English Colloquium. 1 8
Two courses in literature before 1900. 2 6-8
A literature elective. The literature elective may be chosen from the entire English Department offering, excluding The English Conference. 3-4
Select one of the following options. 10-11
Option A:
THTR UN3150 Western Theatre Traditions: Classic to Romantic
THTR UN3151 WESTRN THTR TRAD: MODERN
One dramatic literature seminar
Option B:
One theatre history course
Two dramatic literature seminars
One senior seminar given by the Barnard English Department. 3 4
A Senior Project 4
A course in American literature. It can simultaneously fulfill other requirements (elective, before 1900, etc.) where appropriate. 3-4
Taken in the junior year. All sections of BC3159 (fall semester) are on the Renaissance; all sections of BC3160 (spring semester) are on the Enlightenment. Students may substitute three courses for the two semesters of Colloquium. At least one of these three must cover literature before 1660 (i.e., Medieval or Renaissance); one other must cover literature of the 17th or 18th century (i.e., The Age of Enlightenment); the last can cover either literature before 1660 or literature of the 17th or 18th century. Students may also take one Colloquium and two substitutions, as long as one of the substitutions covers literature of the same period as the Colloquium it replaces. The other substitution may cover either literature of that same time period or literature of the time period of the other Colloquium. In either case, one of the courses used as a substitution for either Colloquium will also count towards satisfying the "before 1900" requirement. Please note that only one Colloquium substitution may be a Shakespeare course. For further details, refer to the Substitutions tab above.

If you have substituted courses for the Colloquium requirement, one of the substitutions will count towards fulfillment of this requirement. For details, refer to the Substitutions tab above.

Seniors who wish to substitute an independent study for a senior seminar should consult the Chair of the English Department. Permission is given rarely and only to proposals meeting the criteria specified under the guidelines for ENGL BC3999 Independent Study.

This may be written in a Barnard senior seminar with a focus on dramatic literature; written in a dramatic literature course that is combined with ENGL BC3996; or, in rare cases, written in ENGL BC3999 Independent Study.

### Requirements for the Minor

A minor consists of at least five English courses that are a minimum of 15 credits in total. Three of the five must be qualifying Barnard or Columbia courses. Please note that Comparative Literature courses cannot count towards the minor.

One course on Chaucer, Shakespeare, or Milton. Qualifying courses can include:

- **Chaucer:**
  - ENGL BC3154: Chaucer Before Canterbury
  - ENGL BC3155: Canterbury Tales

- **Shakespeare:**
  - ENTH BC3136: Shakespeare in Performance
  - ENGL BC3163: Shakespeare I
  - ENGL BC3164: Shakespeare II

- **Milton:**
  - ENGL BC3167: MILTON

Two additional courses in literature before 1900. Two electives from the entire English Department offering, excluding the English Conference.

For a list of "before 1900" courses, refer to the Substitutions tab above.

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### Colloquia Substitutions

ENGL BC3159 and ENGL BC3160 are required of English majors in the junior year. All sections of BC3159 (fall semester) are on the literature of the Renaissance; all sections of BC3160 (spring semester) are on the literature of the Enlightenment.

Students may substitute three courses for the two semesters of Colloquium. At least one of these three must cover literature before 1660 (i.e., Medieval or Renaissance); one other must cover literature of the 17th or 18th century (i.e., The Age of Enlightenment); the last can cover either literature before 1660 or literature of the 17th or 18th century.

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In either case, one of the courses used as a substitute for either the fall or spring Colloquium will also count towards satisfying the "before 1900" requirement.

Please note that only one Colloquium substitution in total may be a Shakespeare course.

To see if other courses may qualify, consult with your major adviser.

### Courses which can serve as a Medieval/Renaissance substitution include

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<td>ENTH BC3190</td>
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Only one substitution may be a Shakespeare course:

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This course may count as either a Renaissance/Medieval substitution or an Age of Enlightenment substitution. Please note that it cannot simultaneously count for both substitutions.
Courses in Literature Written before 1900

If you have substituted two or three courses for the Colloquium requirement, one of the substitutions will count towards fulfillment of this requirement. To see if a course not listed here may qualify for this requirement, consult your major adviser.

Qualifying courses in literature written before 1900 can include

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Please note that as ENGL BC3223 NEW YORK IN TEN OBJECTS and ENGL BC3229 American Lives, American Stories are creative writing courses and not literature courses, they cannot count toward the American literature requirement.

Courses in American Literature

To see if a course not listed here may qualify for this requirement, consult your major adviser.

Qualifying courses in American literature can include

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Substituting with Courses from Other Departments

ENGL BC3193 Critical Writing must be taken in the Barnard English Department.

To Qualify as a Substitution

For a literary period requirement, the substituting course must cover material from the same literary period covered by the course it is replacing, not just include some of that period’s material in a larger range of literature. With the approval of the Chair of the Barnard English Department, one literature course taken outside the department in English translation or in another language can count as an elective. If your adviser or the Chair is not familiar with the course (even if given at Columbia), you must provide the syllabus.
Please note that the English Department requires that six of the 10 courses required for graduation as an English major be taken at Barnard or Columbia.

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### Writing

**ENGL BC3101 THE WRITER’S PROCESS. 4.00 points.**
Prerequisites: Application process and permission of instructor.
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Exploration of theory and practice in the teaching of writing, designed for students who plan to become Writing Fellows at Barnard. Students will read current theory and consider current research in the writing process and engage in practical applications in the classroom or in tutoring.
Writer’s Process is only open to those who applied to and were accepted into the Writing Fellows Program. Note: This course now counts as an elective for the English major.

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**ENGL BC3102 Academic Writing Intensive. 4 points.**
Academic Writing Intensive is a small, intensive writing course for Barnard students in their second or third year who benefit from extra writing support. Students attend a weekly seminar, work closely with the instructor on each writing assignment, and meet with an attached Writing Fellow every other week. Readings and assignments focus on transferable writing, revision, and critical thinking skills students can apply to any discipline. Students from across the disciplines are welcome. This course is only offered P/D/F. To be considered for the course, please send a recent writing sample to wschorha@barnard.edu.

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**ENGL BC3103 The Art of the Essay. 3 points.**
Prerequisites: Students who are on the electronic waiting list or who are interested in the class but are not yet registered MUST attend the first day of class.
Formerly called Essay Writing.) Essay writing above the first-year level. Reading and writing various types of essays to develop one's natural writing voice and craft thoughtful, sophisticated and personal essays.
This course is not offered to first-years.

#### Fall 2021: ENGL BC3103

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**ENGL BC3104 The Art of the Essay. 3 points.**
Prerequisites: Students who are on the electronic waiting list or who are interested in the class but are not yet registered MUST attend the first day of class.
Essay writing above the first-year level. Reading and writing various types of essays to develop one’s natural writing voice and craft thoughtful, sophisticated and personal essays.

#### Spring 2022: ENGL BC3104

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### Creative Writing

A writing sample is required to apply to all Barnard creative writing courses. As space is limited in creative writing courses, not all students who apply are guaranteed admittance.

Students are unable to self-register for Barnard creative writing courses. Interested students who have submitted writing samples may put the course on their online schedule, which will automatically place them on the wait list. If they are accepted, the instructor will take them off the wait list, but until that time no one is officially registered for the class.

The spring 2022 submission deadline is 11:59 pm ET on Monday, January 3, 2022. Please see the Applying to Creative Writing Courses page of the English Department website for directions.

The Creative Writing Admission Lists page of the English Department website will update with admission lists as the department receives them from the professors. If an admission list is not posted for a course before its first meeting, attend it.

Please note: if you are accepted into a creative writing course, attendance at the first meeting of the course is mandatory. If you do not show up for the first class, your spot may be given to someone else.
ENGL BC3105 FICTION # PERSONAL NARRATIVE. 3.00 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. Short stories and other imaginative and personal writing. Fall 2021: ENGL BC3105

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ENGL BC3106 Fiction and Personal Narrative. 3 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. Short stories and other imaginative and personal writing. Spring 2022: ENGL BC3106

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ENGL BC3107 Introduction to Fiction Writing. 3 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. Practice in writing short stories and autobiographical narrative with discussion and close analysis in a workshop setting. Fall 2021: ENGL BC3107

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ENGL BC3108 INTRODUCTION TO FICTION WRITING. 3.00 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. In this course, we will learn and practice essential concepts and techniques of writing fiction. We’ll break down the elements of the craft—everything from character, setting, and pacing to point of view, syntax, and imagery—and we’ll build an understanding of how stories work. Class time will include exercises and prompts; close reading of a wide range of published stories; discussions of process; and workshops of student stories. Come prepared to work hard, be open, and take risks. Spring 2022: ENGL BC3108

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ENGL BC3110 INTRODUCTION TO POETRY WRITING. 3.00 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. This course is designed to introduce you to fundamental poetic concepts and techniques. Through readings and discussion we will study a variety of forms, methods, and aesthetics that will inform your writing. As a workshop we will develop a vocabulary for critiquing the poems of others as well as our own. We’ll also analyze literature and its relation to specific histories and cultures while mindfully engaging in the process of making. How does one write about the self by looking at the world? Is the imagination the most personal yet unknowable thing we have? In what ways do identity and personal history fit within our human narrative? We will attempt to answer these questions and create as much out of chance as out of order. Fall 2021: ENGL BC3110

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ENGL BC3113 Playwriting I. 3 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses.

The class will explore a broad range of approaches to playwriting in a workshop setting. Each week, students will write in response to prompts that are designed to explicate different elements and principles of the form. The work will culminate at the end of the semester with the writing of a one act play. Classes will largely be spent reading and discussing students’ work but students will also be choosing from a wide selection of plays to read two each week. Fall 2021: ENGL BC3113

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ENGL BC3114 Playwriting II. 3 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. What makes a play alive? Often a playwright is surprised into their strongest work. The practices of experimentation and analysis, curiosity and audacity lead to new possibilities. Students will read and respond to plays, identifying elements and strategies, and each week bring in fragments and scenes written in response to weekly prompts. By the middle of the semester, students will choose the piece that feels the most viable and develop it into what in most cases will be a thirty page play. NOTE: Playwriting I (ENGL BC3113) is NOT a prerequisite, and students need not have written a play before. Spring 2022: ENGL BC3114

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ENGL BC3115 Story Writing I. 3 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. A workshop in writing, with emphasis on the short story.

Fall 2021: ENGL BC3115
Course Number: ENGL 3115
Section/Call Number: 001/00403
Times/Location: T 11:00am - 12:50pm
Instructor: Nellie Hermann
Points: 3
Enrollment: 8/12

ENGL BC3116 Story Writing II. 3 points.
Prerequisites: Some experience in writing of fiction. Conference hours to be arranged.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. Advanced workshop in writing, with emphasis on the short story. Some experience in the writing of fiction required. Conference hours to be arranged.

Spring 2022: ENGL BC3116
Course Number: ENGL 3116
Section/Call Number: 001/00220
Times/Location: Th 11:00am - 12:50pm
Instructor: Nellie Hermann
Points: 3
Enrollment: 6/12

ENGL BC3117 Fiction Writing. 3 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. Assignments designed to examine form and structure in fiction.

Fall 2021: ENGL BC3117
Course Number: ENGL 3117
Section/Call Number: 001/00404
Times/Location: W 2:10pm - 4:00pm
Instructor: Weike Wang
Points: 3
Enrollment: 10/12

Spring 2022: ENGL BC3117
Course Number: ENGL 3117
Section/Call Number: 001/00221
Times/Location: T 12:10pm - 2:00pm
Instructor: Jennifer Boylan
Points: 3
Enrollment: 11/12

ENGL BC3118 Advanced Poetry Writing I. 3 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. Weekly workshops designed to generate and critique new poetry. Each participant works toward the development of a cohesive collection of poems. Readings in traditional and contemporary poetry will also be included.

Fall 2021: ENGL BC3118
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Section/Call Number: 001/00405
Times/Location: W 11:00am - 12:50pm
Instructor: Catherine Barnett
Points: 3
Enrollment: 7/12

ENGL BC3120 Creative Non-Fiction: Making Facts Sing. 3 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. This course will challenge students to take on what are considered either difficult topics (e.g. in science and math) or "mundane" topics and create convincing and clear narratives therefrom. We will consider writing from John McPhee, Natalie Angier, Oliver Sacks, Nicholson Baker, and others. Through iterative writing exercises, research, and interviews, students will learn how to breathe life into complex material.

ENGL BC3122 Creative Non-Fiction: The Gendered Memoir. 3 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. A workshop in writing short autobiographical story with particular attention to the role gender plays in shaping experience. Focus on student writing, along with readings from the work of authors such as Augusten Buroughs; Alice Sebold; Alison Bechdel; Mary Karr, and others.

PLEASE NOTE: This course has been renumbered. It was previously ENGL BC3120, section 3 and has not changed in content.

ENGL BC3125 ADVANCED POETRY WRITING II. 3.00 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. This workshop seeks to introduce emerging student poets to the forms and currents of contemporary poetic practice and also encourage you to discover your own difference. Each week explores a different conceptual theme (voice, surrealism, diction, etc.), which we will explore through creative in-class writing exercises. We will read many women of color, including potentially selections from Bhanu Kapil, M. NourbeSe Philip, Layli Long Soldier, Etel Adnan, Kim Hyesoon, and LaTasha Diggs on student writing, along with readings from the work of authors such as Augusten Buroughs; Alice Sebold; Alison Bechdel; Mary Karr, and others.

ENGL BC3126 Advanced Projects in Prose Writing. 3 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.
Prerequisites: Writing sample required to apply. required cover sheet and instructions are available here: http://english.barnard.edu/forms-procedures/forms. Students cannot add this course to their schedules until after they are admitted.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. Independent projects in imaginative writing in prose, including the genres of fiction, nonfiction, memoir, novellas, inter-related stories, and others. Class meetings consist of a few initial lectures on narrative followed by workshops focused on student writing in progress.
ENGL BC3134 CREATIVE NON-FICTION. 3.00 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. In this course, we will explore identity through writing, creating personas on the page that reflect the ways in which the various selves that we each embody overlap and intersect, and often contradict themselves. We will read authors who explore identity on the basis of ethnicity, cultural heritage, gender, sexual orientation, and race. Much of what we read will fall outside the traditional literary canon of Western literature. We will also explore diverse settings and communities via our reading and writing to further explore the question of writing about identity.

ENGL BC3150 Invention, Revision, and Imagination. 3 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. A creative writing workshop in fiction, devoted to the imaginative process, and most specifically, to the arts of invention and revision. In addition to considering the wellspring of creative ideas themselves, students will write stories in a variety of lengths—moderate, long, and as short-shorts. Through this process, apprentice writers will become intimate with the most essential aspect of creating imaginative work: the dedication to seeing one’s ideas morph and grow over time.

ENGL BC3152 Creative Nonfiction: The Queer Story. 3 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. Stories created and edited in this creative nonfiction workshop will focus on the lives and experiences of LGBTQ people. Written work may include essays, memoir, reportage, and other nonfiction. This work will be augmented by lectures, trainings, and reading about media representation of queer lives.

ENGL BC3208 What's Your Story Anyway?—Trauma Resistance through Creative Writing. 3 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses. In this class we will explore the process of healing from trauma through the art of storytelling. We will ground ourselves in the writing of Latina authors whose work demonstrates the resistance from erasure in the United States. The goal of the class is to understand the connection between trauma and healing, through storytelling and creative writing. Moreover, we will develop three pieces of creative non-fiction that will encompass this relationship over the three different lenses of place, person and personal experience.

ENGL BC3223 NEW YORK IN TEN OBJECTS. 4.00 points.
"New York in Ten Objects" introduces students to the creative possibilities of the podcast. Drawing on the possibilities of interdisciplinary analysis and creative non-fiction, this course aims to use quotidian objects to critically engage with the city, re-rendering those objects extraordinary and telling untold stories. The starting points for our investigation are ten concrete objects – some iconic, some ironic, but all characteristic of New York City. Beginning with these objects, students will develop projects, in small groups and individually, that connect these objects with a broader societal movement, cultural idea, political cause, or scientific development significant to past or present New York City life. To prepare students to develop their projects in an audio medium, we will first become familiar with a range of current podcasts, and will begin to break down the elements of podcast-storytelling as practiced today. Through workshops with IMATS in a weekly lab session and hands-on experience, students will learn how to collect audio interviews, ambient sound, and to record voice-over narration. Every student will outline their ideas, develop scripts, and produce a podcast by layering and editing their audio files. In the end, this course will investigate how the popular medium of the podcast can serve as a locus of local conversation and public intellectual activity. Students will learn how ordinary objects can breathe life into a story and how audio stories can advance critical analysis. Applications are due by 1 August: https://forms.gle/GVPYWdC0qJrsv1Ex6. Please note that this seminar is limited to 14 students. You will be notified of your acceptance or non-acceptance to the course before the first day of classes. After receiving admittance into the course, you MUST come to the first class to secure your seat.
ENGL BC3229 American Lives, American Stories. 3 points.
Writing sample required to apply. Instructions and the application form can be found here: https://english.barnard.edu/english/creative-writing-courses.

In this class we will discuss the narrative of the "American" story, and how stories of immigrants and minority identities redefine and complicate it. The goal of the class is to investigate how writers frame a sense of identity in relation to the "American ideal". We will explore this theme through three creative non-fiction pieces each focusing on a different perspective of place, person, and personal experience. What are your stories, and what makes them "American"?

Speech
Registration in these courses is limited.

ENGL BC3121 PUBLIC SPEAKING. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: Enrollment limited to 14 students. Open only to undergraduates, preference to seniors and juniors. Attend first class for instructor permission. Registering for the course only through myBarnard or SSOL will NOT ensure your enrollment. This course will introduce you to principles of effective public speaking and debate, and provide practical opportunities to use these principles in structured speaking situations. You will craft and deliver speeches, engage in debates and panel discussions, analyze historical and contemporary speakers, and reflect on your own speeches and those of your classmates. You will explore and practice different rhetorical strategies with an emphasis on information, persuasion and argumentation. For each speaking assignment, you will go through the speech-making process, from audience analysis, purpose and organization, to considerations of style and delivery. The key criteria in this course are content, organization, and adaptation to the audience and purpose. While this is primarily a performance course, you will be expected to participate extensively as a listener and critic, as well as a speaker.

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ENGL BC3123 Rhetorical Choices: the Theory and Practice of Public Speaking. 4 points.
Prerequisites: Application process and permission of instructor. Enrollment restricted to Barnard students.
Speaking involves a series of rhetorical choices regarding vocal presentation, argument construction, and physical affect that, whether made consciously or by default, project information about the identity of the speaker. In this course students will relate theory to practice: to learn principles of public speaking and speech criticism for the purpose of applying these principles as peer tutors in the Speaking Fellow Program.

Note: This course now counts as an elective for the English major.

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Theatre
For those interested in doing an English major with a concentration in theatre, please see the course-listed courses section (p. 23) below for the Theatre Department's course descriptions for THTR UN3150 Western Theatre Traditions: Classic to Romantic and THTR UN3151 Western Theatre Traditions: Modern.

ENTH BC3136 Shakespeare in Performance. 4 points.
Shakespeare's plays as theatrical events. Differing performance spaces, acting traditions, directorial frames, theatre practices, performance theories, critical studies, cultural codes, and historical conventions promote differing modes of engagement with drama in performance. We will explore Shakespeare's plays in the context of actual and possible performance from the Renaissance to the twenty-first century.

ENTH BC3139 MODERN AMERICAN DRAMA # PERFORMANCE. 4.00 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.

Modern American Drama and Performance in an era of cultural contestation. What is united about the United States? How are the important claims of cultural difference related to the intercultural claims of shared community? Is there a place for historical continuity in the modernist pursuit of change? How have these issues been addressed in the emergence and development of modern drama and performance in America? Questions such as these will be addressed in the context of theatrical exploration, performance history, and social change. Canonical and experimental playwrights include Rachel Crothers, Susan Glaspell, Georgia Douglas Johnson, Eugene O'Neill, Clifford Odets, Thornton Wilder, Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, Lorraine Hansberry, Edward Albee, Suzan-Lori Parks, Sarah Ruhl, and Dominique Morisseau.

ENTH BC3144 Black Theatre. 4 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.

Prerequisites: Enrollment limited to 16 students.
Competing constructions of American identity in the United States date back to the early republic when a newly emerging nation struggled with the question: What makes an American American? What makes America America? From colonial times forward, the stage has served as a forum to air differing beliefs as well as medium to construct new beliefs about Nation, self and other. The texts we will read, from colonial times through WWI, explore diverse topics such as politics, Native American rights, slavery, labor unrest, gender roles, and a growing immigrant population.

**ENTH BC3190 Diabolical Drama of the Middle Ages. 3 points.**
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.

Hell bursts onto the European stage at the end of the Middle Ages. Satan and his attendant devils, although present in earlier forms of Christian drama, become a defining feature of the dramatizations of Christian history and morality in Late Medieval England. The devils of these plays are disruptive, anarchic, seductive and repulsive. They are rhetorically bewitching and morally dangerous. This course will pay close attention to these devils and their devily. What do they do? How do they speak? What do they know and what choice do they have in being so diabolical? Rather than viewing devils simply as spiritual antagonists, instead we will investigate them as complex creatures doing serious theological work in the difficult and spiritually tumultuous towns of late medieval England. Through close critical inquiry, contextual reading and some of our own imaginative stagings, we will explore the central role of the “diabolic” in late medieval drama and its sometimes troubling vision of Christian life.

**Literature**

**ENGL BC1021 FEMINIST LIFE WRITING. 3.00 points.**

Feminists have famously claimed that “the personal is political.” Accordingly, life writing—in various genres—has been an important form for feminists across generations. In this class, we will explore the different ways in which feminists have used these modes to create visions of the self, to challenge the roles and self-images given to them, and to imagine new narratives. In particular, we’ll explore questions of genre: so many of these writers have developed hybrid genres or challenged the boundaries of genre in order to write their lives. Looking at examples of life writing including letters, diaries and journals, graphic memoirs, and “traditional” autobiographies, we will examine these forms through the lens of gender, race, sexuality, class, and disability. Readings are subject to change, but may include: Audre Lorde, Zami; Alison Bechdel, Fun Home; Cherrie Moraga, Loving in the War Years; Maggie Nelson, The Argonauts; Maxine Hong Kingston, Woman Warrior; poems by Adrienne Rich; Carmen Maria Machado, In the Dream House; This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color; Janet Mock, Redefining Realness, and selected shorter pieces. Additionally, we will read critical and theoretical works that will urge us to consider our primary texts from various critical approaches: including sexuality studies, critical race studies, disability studies, and transgender studies.

**ENGL BC1022 BAD LOVE. 3.00 points.**

This seminar will read stories of love gone bad, of romances that end catastrophically, that damage lovers or leave victims along the way. We will illuminate the consuming fantasy of the romance genre in its quest for “true love,” as well as a range of emotions — rage and revenge, narcissism and self-protection, obsession and oblivion — that surface in its wake. We will also look at shifting interpretations of “bad love,” from Plato, to the Galenic theory of the humors, to the sociology of court-culture, to Freudian and finally contemporary neurobiological explanations of feelings. Students are welcome to propose texts of their own interests to open this course to the widest range of interests. In addition to seminar discussion, there will be weekly individual tutorials with Professor Hamilton as well as interviews with a neurobiologist and a psychologist.

**ENGL BC1023 FEMINISM, SCIENCE, # REPRODUCTIVE TECH. 3.00 points.**

Reproduction is both a biological and social process—one that is often the target of deep-seated ideas about identity, culture, science, and technology. How have contraceptives, pharmaceuticals, and other technologies shaped reproductive experiences? What does the use and distribution of these scientific innovations reveal about existing power structures and social stratification? What liberatory possibilities do these technologies enable, and what are their limitations? Course material will center work by reproductive justice scholar-activists and feminist science and technology studies scholarship, including work by Dorothy Roberts, Alexandra Stern, Emily Martin, Alondra Nelson, and others.

**ENGL BC1901 INTRODUCTION TO COMICS # GRAPHIC NOVELS. 3.00 points.**

This course will read stories from comics and graphic novels. It is designed to teach students how to analyze these texts by paying special attention to narrative forms and page design. As part of this focus, attention will be given to the way that comics and graphic novels are created and the importance of publication format. In addition to studying comics and graphic novels themselves, we will look at the way that scholars have approached this emergent field of academic interest.

**AFEN BC3009 Toni Morrison: An Ethical Poetics. 4 points.**

Toni Morrison set herself a challenge: to engage language in complex literary ways in order to reveal the ‘fact’ of race in the lived experiences of Americans—those made to bear the burden of being ‘raced;’ those exercising the prerogative of ‘racing,’ and those who imagine that none of this applies to them. We travel with her artistic path from The Bluest Eye to her later novels to learn how her choice to create figurative, logical narratives seek their own understanding of the ethics of what she called the “manageable, doable, modern human activity” of living in ‘the house of race.’
ENGL BC3098 The English Conference: The Lucyle Hook Guest Lectureship. 1 point.
The English Conference: The Lucyle Hook Guest Lectureship is a two to four-week course each semester on a special topic presented by a visiting scholar. The series was endowed by a gift from Professor Emerita of English Lucyle Hook to bring our students and faculty the perspective of scholars of literature in English working outside the College community. It can only be taken for pass/fail for 1 point. Students must attend all four class sessions and write a final paper in order to receive credit for this course.

To see the dates/times that The English Conference will meet this semester, the current course description, and the biography of the visiting scholar, please visit the English Department website: https://english.barnard.edu/english/english-conference.

ENGL BC3129 Explorations of Black Literature: Early African-American Lit. 1760-1890. 3 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.

Prerequisites: Enrollment limited to 18 students.
Poetry, prose, fiction, and nonfiction, with special attention to the slave narrative. Includes Wheatley, Douglass, and Jacobs, but emphasis will be on less familiar writers such as Brown, Harper, Walker, Wilson, and Forten. Works by some 18th-century precursors will also be considered.

ENGL BC3130 The American Cowboy and the Iconography of the West. 3 points.
We will consider the image and role of the cowboy in fiction, social history, film, music, and art. Readings will include Cormac McCarthy's The Border Trilogy.

AFEN BC3134 Unheard Voices: African Women's Literature. 4 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.

How does one talk of women in Africa without thinking of Africa as a 'mythic unity'? We will consider the political, racial, social and other contexts in which African women write and are written about in the context of their located lives in Africa and in the African Diaspora.

ENGL BC3141 MAJOR ENGLISH TEXTS I. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: Enrollment limited to 25 students.
A chronological view of the variety of English literature through study of selected writers and their works. Autumn: Beowulf through Johnson.

ENGL BC3146 Walk This Way. 3 points.
What's in a walk? This course undertakes an interdisciplinary study of a fundamental human activity, focusing on philosophical and aesthetic treatments of human locomotion. After first examining the history of walking as a social, economic, religious, and political activity, the course will concentrate on urban walking and how it has been represented in text and image from ancient times to the present. Topics will include walking as introspection, escape, recreation, and discovery; walking and gender; the psychogeography of walking, walking in the city, etc. Readings from Austen, Wordsworth, Dickens, Thoreau, Whitman, Joyce, Woolf, O'Hara, De Certeau, and many others. Images from film, painting, and photography to be provided by student research. Ditto for musical strolls.

ENGL BC3147 Introduction to Narrative Medicine. 4 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.

Prerequisites: Post-bacc students require instructor permission.
NARRATIVE MEDICINE was designed to give doctors and healthcare professionals a more profound understanding of, and empathy for, the experience of illness. It teaches how to listen and what to listen for. While the skills developed are directly applicable to the practice of medicine, they are also important in any field in which human relationships are central: business, law, architecture, social work, and the creative arts. The multidisciplinary course entails a rigorous integration of didactic and experiential methodology to develop a heightened awareness of self and others and build a practical set of narrative competencies.

Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.

Prerequisites: Enrollment limited 18 students.
Explores, through fiction, poetry, essays, and film, the historical context and cultural content of the African American migration from the rural south to the urban cities of the north, with particular emphasis on New York, Chicago, Detroit, and Philadelphia.

ENGL BC3151 Bad Feelings: The Uses of Literature in Difficult Times. 4 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.

This course will explore the purposes of literary study—and, by extension, humanistic education—during periods of turmoil. Working in sustained dialogue with one another, we will explore the treatment of emotions such as despair, anxiety, loss, fury & ecstasy in a wide variety of literary texts, ranging from literature that is ancient (e.g., Sophocles, Euripides) to early modern (William Shakespeare, Margaret Cavendish) to modern (Virginia Woolf, Ralph Ellison, Elena Ferrante). In the process, we will explore various schools of critical theory, such as Aristotle's Poetics (including the ancient theory of catharsis), psychoanalysis, and feminism, in a context where the stakes of these intellectual traditions will come to the fore.
ENGL BC3154 Chaucer Before Canterbury. 3 points.
Chaucer’s innovations with major medieval forms: lyric, the extraordinary dream visions, and the culmination of medieval romance, Troilus and Criseyde. Approaches through close analysis, and feminist and historicist interpretation. Background readings in medieval life and culture.

ENGL BC3155 Canterbury Tales. 3 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.

Chaucer as inheritor of late-antique and medieval conventions and founder of early modern literature and the fiction of character. Selections from related medieval texts.

ENGL BC3159 The English Colloquium. 4 points.

Prerequisites: Enrollment limited to Barnard English majors.
In the Renaissance colloquium we will examine English and European imaginative and intellectual life from the sixteenth to mid-seventeenth centuries. Defined by humanism, the Protestant Reformation, and revolution, this was a period of ideological struggle on many levels. Long-held ways of ordering the world came under increasing strain and sometimes ruptured irreparably. Writers discussed and debated the aims of human knowledge, retooled old literary forms for new purposes, scrambled to take account of an expanded awareness of the globe, and probed the tension between belief and doubt. Throughout this process, they experimented with new literary styles to express their rapidly changing worldviews. This is an intensive course in which we will take multiple approaches to a variety of authors that may include Petrarch, Erasmus, Machiavelli, Castiglione, More, Rabelais, Luther, Calvin, Montaigne, Spenser, Bacon, Marlowe, Shakespeare, Milton, and Behn, among others.

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ENGL BC3160 The English Colloquium. 4 points.

Prerequisites: Enrollment limited to Barnard English majors.
In the Enlightenment colloquium we will look at English and European imaginative and intellectual life during the late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. During this period, writers tried in new ways to reconcile the tensions between reason and religion. Categories of thought that underlie our world today were taking shape: secularism, progress, the public and the private, individual rights, religious tolerance. Writers articulated principles of equality in an era of slavery. Literary forms like the novel, which emerges into prominence during this period, express in irreducibly complex ways these and other changes. In this intensive course, we will study from multiple angles a variety of authors that may include Hobbes, Dryden, Locke, Spinoza, Lafayette, Defoe, Swift, Pope, Richardson, Voltaire, Fielding, Johnson, Diderot, Sterne, and Wollstonecraft, among others.

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ENGL BC3163 Shakespeare I. 3 points.
A critical and historical introduction to Shakespeare's comedies, histories, tragedies, and romances. Please note that you do not need to take ENGL BC3163: Shakespeare I and ENGL BC3164: Shakespeare II in sequence; you may take them in any order.

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ENGL BC3164 Shakespeare II. 3 points.
Prerequisites: Enrollment limited to 60 students.
Critical and historical introduction to selected comedies, histories, tragedies, and romances by Shakespeare. Please note that you do not need to take ENGL BC3163: Shakespeare I and ENGL BC3164: Shakespeare II in sequence; you may take them in any order.

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In this course, we will read the complete nondramatic poetry of Christopher Marlowe and William Shakespeare, working closely through sonnets, epyllia (mini epics), and translations. How do Marlowe and Shakespeare put into play inherited and new ideas about history, gender, sexuality, politics, law, God, race, matter, print, and literary form (especially the sonnet)?

ENGL BC3166 17TH-CENTURY PROSE # POETRY. 3.00 points.

The seventeenth century was a century of revolution, giving birth to modern ways of thinking, and calling into question many of the old ways. In the early years, many were affected by melancholy, some believing the world was approaching the endtimes. England experienced plagues, particularly in London, and other catastrophes. So we might find some affinity with our own current situation, facing new challenges, our world turned upside down, which is what many people felt during that time. Out of all of this turmoil, however, came great literature including lyric poems by John Donne and others exploring love and desire, doubt and faith, sex and God. Donne also wrote a series of Devotions grappling with mortality over a course of 23 days when he was suffering from typhus or relapsing fever and almost died. Others turned to find solace in the natural world and friendship (Amelia Lanyer, Katherine Philips, Henry Vaughan). Robert Burton wrote a book on melancholy, which he kept adding to. Francis Bacon thought a revolution in science could redeem the world. Thomas Browne, a physician as well as writer, tackled the problem of intolerance and religious conflict. Thomas Hobbes thought only a firm (authoritarian?) government could reestablish peace and security, while Gerard Winstanley (a “Leveller”) thought that owning land (and money) was the source of all war and misery. Transgressive women had their own ideas. The Quaker leader Margaret Fell defended women’s right to preach. We will read selections from these and other writers, understanding them in their historical context and with a sense of their current resonance.

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ENGL BC3167 MILTON. 3.00 points.
How and why might we read Milton now? And how do his writings and thinking intersect with issues in our present moment? We will read his influential epic Paradise Lost after reading selections of Milton's earlier poetry and prose (attack against censorship, defenses of divorce, individual conscience, toleration, complicated issues of political and religious liberty). He wrote about these matters as he was involved in the English Civil war, an advocate of liberty (we will consider what kind, for whom?) and revolution, which Americans would embrace as inspiration and to justify the American Revolution. We will critically read Milton's literary and political texts within the contexts of religious, political, and cultural history of early modern England and Europe but also colonial and revolutionary America—asking difficult questions, and with a sense of how Milton's writing connects to present issues of our time.

Prerequisites: Enrollment limited to 25 students. This class will examine English drama at the moment when it arose as a major art form. In Renaissance London, astonishingly complex plays emerged that reflected the diverse urban life of the city, as well as the layered and often contradictory inner life of the individual. This poetically rich theater was less concerned with presenting answers, and more with staging questions—about gender, race, religion, literary tradition, love, sex, authority, and class. In this course, we will try to tap into this theater's cosmopolitan, enlivened poetics by studying not only Shakespeare, but also the various other major authors who constituted this literary world: Christopher Marlowe, Ben Jonson, Thomas Dekker, Thomas Middleton, John Webster, and the female playwright Aphra Behn.

ENGL BC3169 Renaissance Drama. 3 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.

ENGL BC3170 LITERATURE # SCIENCE 1600-1800. 3.00 points.
The "Scientific Revolution" began in England in the early seventeenth century, with the experiments of John Dee and the deforming projects of Francis Bacon, to culminate in Isaac Newton's discovery of the natural laws of motion. This was also a period of great literary innovation, from Shakespeare's plays and the metaphysical poetry of Marvell and Donne, to the new genre of the novel. This course will explore both the scientific and literary "revolutions" — we will attempt to put them in a kind of conversation with one another, as poets and scientists puzzled over the nature of spirit, body, and the world.

ENGL BC3171 The Novel and Psychoanalysis. 3 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.
The novel in its cultural context, with an accent on psychoanalysis (but no required reading). Austen, Emily Bronte, Dickens, Hardy, D.H. Lawrence, Didion, Duras, and W.G. Sebald.

ENGL BC3173 THE EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY NOVEL. 3.00 points.
In the seventeenth century, a new genre appears across Europe: the novel. Why does it appear? What accounts for its increasing popularity across the eighteenth century? What role does it play, in personal psychology as well as society? To puzzle these questions, we will place the development of the novel within the history of art, philosophy and science, as well as psychology and literary theory. Readings may include novels by Mme. de La Fayette, Aphra Behn, Daniel Defoe, Henry Fielding, John Cleland, the Marquis de Sade, William Godwin, and Jane Austen, as well as essays by Benjamin, Adorno, Foucault, Elias, Moretti, and others.

ENGL BC3174 The Age of Johnson. 3 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.
The works of Johnson, Boswell, and their contemporaries in historic context; rise of the novel (Richardson, Fielding, and Sterne); poets from Pope to Blake and Wordsworth; women writers from Carter to Collier to Wollstonecraft; working class writers; topics include slavery and abolition in literature, the democratization of culture, and the transition to romanticism.

ENGL BC3176 The Romantic Era. 3 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.

ENGL BC3177 Victorian Age in Literature: The Novel. 3 points.
"We have become a novel-reading people," wrote Anthony Trollope in 1870. "Novels are in the hands of us all, from the Prime Minister down to the last-appointed scullery maid." This course will consider why the novel was so important to Victorian culture and society. What made the Victorian novel such a fertile form for grappling with the unprecedented cultural changes of the nineteenth century? To address this question, we will explore how Victorian novels both responded to, and participated in, major social and cultural shifts of the period, including industrialism and urbanization; colonialism and empire; the changing status of women, sexuality, and marriage; the emergence of Darwinism; class conflict and social reform; and the expansion of education and literacy. This course will also consider more broadly what novels are for, and what the Victorians thought they were for. Do novels represent the world as it really is, or do they imagine it as it ought to be? What kinds of solutions to social and political problems can novels offer? Can novels ethically improve (or corrupt) their readers? We will consider these issues in the context of realism, Victorian literature's trademark genre, but we'll also explore an array of other genres, such as the industrial novel, the Bildungsroman, the sensation novel, detective fiction, and gothic fiction. Authors include Jane Austen, Charles Dickens, Charlotte Brontë, George Eliot, Wilkie Collins, and others.
ENGL BC3178 Victorian Poetry and Criticism. 3 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.

Poetry, art, and aesthetics in an industrial society, with emphasis on the role of women as artists and objects. Poems by Tennyson, Arnold, Christina and D.G. Rossetti, Swinburne, and Elizabeth and Robert Browning; criticism by Ruskin, Arnold, and Wilde; paintings by the Pre-Raphaelites and Whistler; photographs by J.M. Cameron.

ENGL BC3179 American Literature to 1800. 3 points.
This course surveys American literature written before 1800. While we will devote some attention to the literary traditions that preceded British colonization, most of our readings will be of texts written in English between 1620 and 1800. These texts—histories, autobiographies, poems, plays, and novels—illuminate the complexity of this period of American culture. They tell stories of pilgrimage, colonization, and genocide; private piety and public life; manuscript and print publication; the growth of national identity (political, cultural, and literary); Puritanism, Quakerism, and Deism; race and gender; slavery and the beginnings of a movement towards its abolition. We will consider, as we read, the ways that these stories overlap and interconnect, and the ways that they shape texts of different periods and genres.

ENGL BC3180 American Literature, 1800-1870. 3 points.
Texts from the late Republican period through the Civil War explore a range of intersecting literary, political, philosophical, and theological issues, including the literary implications of American independence, the status of Native Americans, the nature of the self, slavery and abolition, gender and woman’s sphere, and the Civil War. Writers include Washington Irving, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Walt Whitman, Henry David Thoreau, Frederick Douglass, Margaret Fuller, Edgar Allan Poe, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Herman Melville, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Harriet Jacobs, and Emily Dickinson.

ENGL BC3181 American Literature, 1871-1945. 3 points.
This interdisciplinary course situates late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century American literature within the context of historical and cultural change. Students read works by Whitman, Twain, James, Griggs, Wharton, Faulkner, and Hurston alongside political and cultural materials including Supreme Court decisions, geometric treatises, composite photography and taxidermy.

ENGL BC3183 American Literature since 1945. 3 points.
In the wake of World War II, the so-called American Century rises out of the ashes of fascism, haunted by the specter of bombs blurring the boundary between victory and defeat. An ideological civil war ensues, punctuated by literary resistance to grand narratives and their discontents. Authors include Ellison, O’Connor, Ginsberg, Bishop, Pynchon, Robinson, Merrill, Morrison, Didion, and Wallace.

ENGL BC3185 Modern British and American Poetry. 3 points.
Poetry written in English during the past century, discussed in the context of modernism, postmodernism, literary theory, and changing social and technological developments. Students will participate in shaping the syllabus and leading class discussion. Authors may include Yeats, Williams, Eliot, Moore, Bishop, Rich, Ginsberg, Stevens, O’Hara, Plath, Brooks, Jordan, Walcott, Alexie, and many others.

ENGL BC3188 The Modern Novel. 3 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.


ENGL BC3189 Postmodernism. 3 points.
This course considers how Postmodernism’s profound distrust of language and narrative transforms the form and function of literature. Writers include Stoppard, Pynchon, Didion, Morrison, Robinson, Coetzee, Ishiguro, Wallace, Ashbery, and Hejinian.
ENGL BC3192 Exile and Estrangement in Global Literature. 4 points.

"...but she had no worldly wisdom; her powers were unadapted to the practical business of life; she would fail to defend her most manifest rights, to consult her most legitimate advantage. An interpreter ought always to have stood between her and the world."

Charlotte Brontë on her late sister the novelist Emily Brontë.

This course examines the development of literary fiction in response to history. Through a diverse selection of books—novels, novellas, and verse—spanning nearly 2400 years, we will investigate the seemingly contradictory condition of the author as both outsider and insider.

We will look at how writers from various backgrounds have addressed social and political alienation, national and personal crisis, through narrative. The uniqueness of the texts lies not just in how implicated they are in history, but in their resistance against generalization and intolerance.

Two areas of critical concern govern the selection: Romanticism brings to focus responses to estrangement and injustice; and Modernism is seen as individual expression to alienation and exile. However, implicit also is the desire to complicate the distinction between those two schools. What unites these concerns, however, is how our writers’ artistic commitment, as both witnesses and participants, creates an opportunity for literature to reveal more than the author intends and, on the other hand, more than what power desires.

ENGL BC3193 Critical Writing. 4 points.

(Formerly called Literary Criticism & Theory.) Provides experience in the reading and analysis of literary texts and some knowledge of conspicuous works of literary criticism. Frequent short papers. Required of all English majors before the end of the junior year. Sophomores are encouraged to take it in the spring semester even before officially declaring their major. Transfer students should plan to take it in the fall semester.

ENGL BC3195 Modernism. 3 points.

Psychoanalysis, world war, and shifting gender paradigms inspire fragmented narratives, stream-of-consciousness prose, and improbable blends of erudition and the avant-garde. Stylistic innovation notwithstanding, Modernism authorizes a remarkably traditional literary canon. Special attention will be devoted to how seminal manifestos, most notably "Tradition and the Individual Talent" and A Room of One's Own, frame the movement's embattled aesthetics. Works by Eliot, Woolf, Barnes, Faulkner, Hemingway, Joyce, Lawrence, Pound, Stein, Toomer, and Yeats.

ENGL BC3196 HARLEM RENAISSANCE LITERATURE. 4.00 points.

In the summer of 2021, Home to Harlem will focus on the writing and collaboration of Zora Neale Hurston and Langston Hughes in the 1920s.

In the fall of 2021, Home to Harlem will focus on the writing and collaboration of Zora Neale Hurston and Langston Hughes in the 1920s.

We will explore the cultural history and aesthetic debates that animated Harlem in the 1920s by reading them through the work (poetry, fiction, essays, plays) of Barnard and Columbia's own, who, for a time juggled student life in Morningside Heights and the joys and challenges of being major players in the Harlem or New Negro Renaissance. Hurston and Hughes navigated the demands of being an artist and representative of "the race" in both similar and different ways. They worked together to shape the Renaissance according to their radical visions and were friends and collaborators until they famously fell out. The goal of this class is to plot the individual and collective artistic growth and experimentation of Hurston and Hughes, as well as create a digital timeline and rendering of their individual and collaborative development. To that end, this class will use either or both of the digital tools Scalar and Timeline.js in creative and collaborative ways. The class will partner with the Digital Humanities Center at Barnard for workshops on these digital tools that will be linked to all of the course assignments and final projects. No prior experience with these tools is necessary.

ENGL BC3204 WORLD LITERATURE REVISITED I. 3.00 points.

(Please note that you do not need to take ENGL BC3204 World Literature Revisited I and ENGL BC3205 World Literature Revisited II in sequence; you may take them in any order.) What/where/whom constitutes the world in World Literature? Traditionally, why have some types of writing and inscription been privileged over others when determining the category of literature? How can we read and trace literary influence across these literatures without reducing them to a mere repetition of the same themes and ideas? Finally, we will think about the role that translation plays in the production and politics of World Literature and how the issue of translation differentiates between the disciplines of Comparative Literature and World Literature. This course will be taught over one year. Taking both halves of the course is recommended, but not required. In the first semester, we will deal with ancient texts until around the 14th century, and our focus will be origin stories and epic narratives, lyric poetry, and sacred/religious texts.
As a discipline, World Literature dates back to the early 19th century and Goethe’s concept of weltliteratur. Yet, despite the fact that Goethe was well-versed in the literature of the “Orient” and he emphasized their centrality in weltliteratur, the languages that he spoke of and underlined within the formation of this literature were mostly German and Romance languages. Institutionally speaking, not much has changed over the past couple of centuries. More often than not, studying the literature of locations such as the Middle East, Africa, or East Asia takes place in Area Studies departments, and offerings of these areas’ literatures in Comparative Literature departments are few and far in between.

In World Literature Revisited I, we imagined what a survey of World Literature in a literary studies department could look like, as we dealt with ancient texts until around the 14th century, with a focus on origin stories and epic narratives, lyric poetry, historical narratives, and sacred/religious texts. In World Literature Revisited II, we will continue to investigate and challenge the categories of “Eastern” and “Western” literature and think through the categories of “world” and “literature” in the course title. In this part of the course, we will work on (classical, early modern, and modern) drama, modern poetry, and the novel, with a particular focus on reading in comparison adaptations, appropriations, and literary responses.

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ENGL 3205 World Literature Revisited II. 3 points.
(Please note that you do not need to take ENGL BC3204 World Literature Revisited I and ENGL BC3205 World Literature Revisited II in sequence; you may take them in any order.)

"Yes, globalization can produce homogeneity, but globalization is also a threat to homogeneity." — Kwame Anthony Appiah, "The Case for Contamination," New York Times Magazine, 2006

Thinking through the arguments both in favor of and against globalization, particularly in the realm of cultural productions, in this course we will discuss the “global” novel. To that end, we will read essays from The Global Novel: Writing the World in the 21st Century about works such as Americanah, Snow, and The Reluctant Fundamentalist (along with the novels themselves) to investigate what is meant by “global” and what the criteria for including novels in this categorization are. We will also consider whether there is an erasure of cultural difference and nuance in reading novels using a globalizing perspective in order to render them more approachable for a (primarily) US audience. In order to think through and challenge this category of the global, we will also read novels that can be roughly categorized as postcolonial. We will thus consider how struggles for independence and the desire to locate one’s identity either within freshly liberated nation-states or in the process of immigrating to former metropoles could give rise to cultural and psychological anxieties. We will also consider the manner in which late-stage capitalism could indeed push toward homogenized senses of self that manifest in a category such as the “global novel” and whether arguments could be made in favor of such homogenization. Ultimately, we will think about the politics of globalization and the desire to include or exclude from the “global” certain locations, cultural products, or peoples.

ENGL BC3207 THE ’GLOBAL’ NOVEL. 3.00 points.

This course encompasses themes of race, ethnicity, mass incarceration, and immigration in the modern United States, with special attention to the stories of Latinx people. We will consider the roles of journalistic writing, documentaries, and personal narratives in shaping public policy and attitudes towards lives behind bars. Guest speakers will also provide personal experiences to help reframe our own narratives and perspectives on these issues. The course’s primary goal is to challenge the process of how stories of race, immigration, and mass incarceration are written, by developing scholarly pieces.
ENGL BC3215 VICTORIAN SCIENCE#SCIFI. 3.00 points.
Although Victorian fiction is best known today for its realist commitment to representing the world “as it really is,” especially in genres such as the courtship novel and the Bildungsroman, Victorian novelists also wrote during an age of enthusiastic scientific inquiry that questioned and revised the very fabric of the reality that realist genres purported to represent. This course will accordingly explore the more adventurous and speculative fiction of the Victorian period that was most closely attuned to these new ways of representing and thinking about reality. How did new scientific developments such as evolutionary theory in biology, and the atomic theory in physics, reshape how writers viewed the relationships between human and animal, self and other, space and time, body and mind? How did departing from traditional realist modes enable Victorian science fiction writers to explore the ethical, social, and political implications of scientific theories in ways that scientific prose may not have envisioned? In this course we will read major works of Victorian fiction, by such authors as Mary Shelley, H.G. Wells, H. Rider Haggard, Robert Louis Stevenson, and others, alongside selections of scientific prose in such fields of Victorian science as biology, physics, mathematics, anthropology, and psychology. Throughout the course, we will understand “science” to include both major developments in the history of science, such as the emergence of evolutionary thought, as well as more eccentric Victorian areas of inquiry, such as phrenology, mesmerism, telepathy, and degeneration. The first three units into which the course is divided each explore a major field of Victorian science alongside a major conceptual category that it challenged and altered: biology and the nature of the human; psychology and the constitution of the self; the physical sciences and the nature of space and time. In each unit, we will investigate how writers’ engagements with these conceptual questions led them to experiment with literary categories such as character, narration, and plot. The course will close with a unit on texts that more broadly address Victorian conceptions of progress, technology, and development. In addition to these specific thematic and formal questions, we will think broadly about how the Victorians understood the value of science and technology in relation to the arts and to literature, and ask what their answers to these questions can offer us as we navigate similar questions today. What does scientific thinking offer to literature, and what kinds of questions can literature answer that scientific prose cannot? Do technological and scientific progress open us as we navigate similar questions today. What does scientific thinking and production both expose itself to and insulate itself from critique via claims to authenticity? How does an author negotiate others’ demands for a certain kind of authenticity, and his or her own deeply felt (authentic?) need to consolidate identity by returning to ethnic “origins”? What in a set of publisher’s or reader’s demands for the “real” form or shape what we determine to be “false”? We will study the primary texts in the context of mainstream literary reviews and other theoretical/polemical statements concerning the "meaning" of ethnic experience. Authors studied may include: Richard Wright, Zora Neale Hurston, Leslie Silko, Louise Erdrich, Sandra Cisneros, Richard Rodriguez, Ishmael Reed, Gloria Anzaldúa, Maxine Hong Kingston, Frank Chin, Jeanine Cummins, and Trinh Minh-Ha.

ENGL BC3218 THE 'ETHNIC' IN THE LITERARY MARKETPLACE. 3.00 points.
This course proposes to examine the implications of what Trinh T. Minh-Ha has called "specialness," or the distinctiveness of "ethnic" or "third world" experience, as it is represented and consumed in the literary marketplace (including classes like this one). That consumption has a discourse of its own, centered on often conflicting demands for authenticity. The test of authenticity for one reading community might be a book's perceived difference from that community's own experience; for another community (usually the one the author is perceived as coming from), the same book must represent a familiar experience to pass the test. Some questions we will address: How might "ethnic" writing and production both expose itself to and insulate itself from critique via claims to authenticity? How does an author negotiate others’ demands for a certain kind of authenticity, and his or her own deeply felt (authentic?) need to consolidate identity by returning to ethnic “origins”? What in a set of publisher’s or reader’s demands for the “real” form or shape what we determine to be “false”? We will study the primary texts in the context of mainstream literary reviews and other theoretical/polemical statements concerning the “meaning” of ethnic experience. Authors studied may include: Richard Wright, Zora Neale Hurston, Leslie Silko, Louise Erdrich, Sandra Cisneros, Richard Rodriguez, Ishmael Reed, Gloria Anzaldúa, Maxine Hong Kingston, Frank Chin, Jeanine Cummins, and Trinh Minh-Ha.

ENGL BC3246 WRITING THE MEDIEVAL SELF. 3.00 points.
The late Middle Ages and early Renaissance saw an explosion in the use of the first-person singular "I" by European writers of narrative texts. Although these narratives – among them dream visions, philosophical allegories, spiritual autobiographies, and straightforward novels – do not always correspond to modern ideas about autobiography, they nonetheless demonstrate a growing interest in such "autobiographical" topics as personal identity, sexual difference, mental illness, and disability, even as they experiment with a variety of literary forms and raise fundamental questions about the relationship between truth and writing. Writers will include Augustine, Dante, Boccaccio, Chaucer, Christine de Pisan, Thomas Hoccleve, Julian of Norwich and Teresa de Cartagena, among others. No foreign language experience is required for this course, but knowledge of Latin or Romance languages may be useful.

ENGL BC3248 NEW MILLENNIAL AMERICAN FICTION. 3.00 points.
Remember Y2K, the fear that the internet would implode at the stroke of midnight on January 1, 2000? Conspiracy theories notwithstanding, have 9/11, COVID-19, and virtual reality derailed the American experiment? Apocalyptic dread inspired by the new millennium may be a self-fulfilling prophecy, exacerbating the impact of increasingly virulent culture wars. Have the form and content of American fiction been irrevocably transformed by such cultural cataclysms?
ENGL 3250 INTRODUCTION TO US LATINX LITERATURE. 3.00 points.
This course introduces students to a growing body of work by Latina and
Latino writers in the United States, and engages with the critical tools
necessary for analyzing a field of inquiry and practice that continues
to reframe itself, right down to the label “Latinx.” What does that name
include, and what does it exclude, in cultural productions born of
conflicts of origin, language, race, gender, sexuality, and nationality?
For some understanding of context, we will turn to the history and
pressures of transnational migration, exile, assimilation, bilingualism
and queerness as these variously affect the means and modes of the
literary productions with which we’re concerned. At the same time, the
course will emphasize the invented and hybrid nature of Latinx literary
and cultural traditions, and it will investigate the place of those inventions
in the larger framework of American intellectual and literary traditions.
Readings will be drawn from work written primarily in English, but we
will also consider graphic novels, Latinx performance, and works in translation

Fall 2021: ENGL BC3250
Course Number Section/Call Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
ENGL 3250 001/00435 M W 10:10am - 11:25am Kristin Carter 3.00 27/30

ENGL BC3252 Contemporary Media Theory. 4 points.
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing. Enrollment limited to 18 students.
Attend first class for instructor permission. Registering for the course
only through myBarnard or SSOL will NOT ensure your enrollment.
Explores the transformation of sociality, consciousness and geo-politics
by and as media technologies during the long 20th century. Students will
read influential works of media analysis written during the past century,
analyze audio-visual analog and digital media, and explore political theory
and media theory written since the rise of the internet. Final projects on
contemporary media forms.

Fall 2021: ENGL BC3252
Course Number Section/Call Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
ENGL 3252 001/00436 W 4:10pm - 6:00pm Jonathan Beller 4 12/18

AFEN BC3253 Before Black Lives Matter. 4 points.
Black Lives Matter is an American phenomenon. This course situates
BLM in relation to other and earlier movements in the Global South
and elsewhere. Through textual analysis and critical reading, we take
up the discursive, rhetorical, and poetical strategies of opposition to
marginalization, criminalization, and racial othering.

Fall 2021: AFEN BC3253
Course Number Section/Call Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
AFEN 3253 001/00001 Th 12:00pm - 2:00pm Yvette Christianse 4 33/55

ENGL BC3281 Illegal Is Not a Noun: Disrupting Narratives of the
Immigrant Experience. 4 points.
This course engages with narratives about detention and deportation in
the modern United States, with special attention to the stories of Latinx
people. We will analyze how journalistic writing, documentaries, and
personal narratives shape public policy and American attitudes about the
"the immigrant experience." What are these narratives, how are they told,
and what are their implications? How do writers disrupt these narratives?
We will develop four scholarly essays over the course of the semester to
investigate these questions.

Spring 2022: ENGL BC3281
Course Number Section/Call Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
ENGL 3281 001/00250 Th 2:10pm - 4:00pm Maria Hinojosa 4 20/20

ENGL BC3291 Fictions of Law and Custom: Whiteness in American
Literature. 3 points.
This course examines "white" American identity as a cultural location
and set of discourses and traditions with a history—in Mark Twain's
terms, "a fiction of law and custom." What are the origins of "Anglo-
Saxon" American identity? What are the borders, visible and invisible,
against which this identity has leveraged position and power? How
have these borders shifted over time, and in social and cultural space?
How has whiteness located itself at the center of political, historical,
social and literary discourse, and how has it been displaced? How does
whiteness mark itself, or mask itself, in literature and in larger cultural
practices? What does whiteness look like, sound like, and feel like from
the perspective of the racial "other"? And in what ways do considerations
of gender and class complicate these other questions?

Spring 2022: ENGL BC3291
Course Number Section/Call Times/Location Instructor Points Enrollment
ENGL 3291 001/00252 M W 11:40am - 12:55pm Kristin Carter 3 11/30

ENGL BC3292 QNYC. 3 points.
Not offered during 2021-22 academic year.
The cultural history of New York City is inextricable from the history of
LGBTQI+ life. American poetry, theatre, ballet, opera, and visual art would
be unrecognizable if New York had not been a hub for LGBTQI+ people.
In this sprawling city, life could be characterized equally by its anonymity as
by the sometimes exacting bonds of its many tight-knit sub-communities.
This course will provide a survey of LGBTQI+ literature and some related
arts based in the city, starting in the colonial era and extending to the
present day.

ENRE BC3810 LITERARY APPROACHES TO BIBLE. 4.00 points.
Interpretive strategies for reading the Bible as a work with literary
dimensions. Considerations of poetic and rhetorical structures,
narrative techniques, and feminist exegesis will be included. Topics for
investigation include the influence of the Bible on literature
AFEN BC3815 The Worlds of Ntozake Shange and Digital Storytelling. 4 points.

Prerequisites: AFEN BC3815 or equivalent. This course has a prerequisite and an application: http://bit.ly/AFEN3816. This hands-on, project based course introduces students to the use of digital tools and sources to organize and manage their archival research, creatively interpret their findings, and communicate their results to the public. This semester, the course is somewhat different from the usual research course in that, rather than simply going more deeply into the course focus, you will be asked to apply your knowledge to make new things. Working with the Barnard Digital Humanities Center, you will develop projects that teach some aspect of Shange’s work and or feminist movements. But while making these new things, we will have ongoing discussions about the nature of digital life and evolving protocols for digital work. You will make plans to visit the archive appropriate to your project (in most cases this will be the Barnard Archives, but they might include sites such as The Billy Rose Theatre Division at the NYPL, or the Amiri Baraka collection at Columbia University) as well as doing background reading for your project. By the end of the semester, you’ll have sharpened your research skills while also acquiring digital, teamwork, and project management skills that will be useful in other classes and beyond.

AFEN BC3816 The Worlds of Ntozake Shange and Digital Storytelling. 4 points.

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Independent Studies

ENGL BC3996 Special Project in English. 1 point.

Application required: https://english.barnard.edu/english/independent-studies. Senior English majors who are concentrating in writing and have completed two creative writing courses will normally take this Special Project in combination with an additional creative writing course. Senior English majors who are concentrating in theatre and who have completed three courses in theatre history/dramatic literature will normally take this Special Project in combination with an additional dramatic literature course. For both writing and theatre concentrators, this combined special project counts in place of one senior seminar. In certain cases, ENGL BC3999 may be substituted for the Special Project. In rare cases, the English Department Chair may permit an English major not concentrating in writing or theatre to take ENGL BC3996 in combination with another course.

Senior Seminars

Enrollment in English senior seminars is restricted to Barnard senior English majors. Enrollment in the English/Film senior seminar is limited to Barnard senior English majors with a Film Studies concentration and Barnard senior Film Studies majors. For senior seminar course descriptions and the exact expected graduation dates for which the registration system considers students to be seniors this academic year, visit this page of English Department website: https://english.barnard.edu/english/senior-seminars

ENGL BC3997 SENIOR SEMINAR IN ENGLISH. 4.00 points.

Enrollment limited to Barnard senior English majors. To see the current course description for each section, visit the English Department website: https://english.barnard.edu/english/senior-seminars

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ENGL BC3999 Independent Study. 4 points.
Application required: https://english.barnard.edu/english/independent-studies. Senior majors who wish to substitute Independent Study for one of the two required senior seminars should consult the chair. Permission is given rarely and only to students who present a clear and well-defined topic of study, who have a department sponsor, and who submit their proposals well in advance of the semester in which they will register. There is no independent study for screenwriting or film production.

ENGL UN3033 THE EARLY CHAUCER. 3.00 points.

FILM BC3119 SCREENWRITING FUNDAMENTALS. 3.00 points.
Prerequisites: FILM BC3201 or equivalent. Enrollment limited to 12 students. Priority is given to Film Studies majors/concentrations in order of class seniority.
Corequisites: (Since this is a Film course, it does not count as a writing course for English majors with a Writing Concentration.)
Prerequisites: FILM BC3201 or equivalent. Enrollment limited to 12 students. Priority is given to Film Studies majors/concentrations in order of class seniority. Corequisites: (Since this is a Film course, it does not count as a writing course for English majors with a Writing Concentration.) This course is ideal for writers of their FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD screenplays. The first several weeks will focus on STORY. What it is, what it isn’t, how to recognize the difference. How to find your own individual stories that nobody else in the universe can tell. From there we will make the transition to the highly individualized techniques, the strengths and limitations, the dynamics of telling a SCREEN STORY; what to leave in, what to leave out. As Michelangelo puts it—starting with a block of marble and chipping away everything that isn’t David. Through studies of existing screenplays and films in coordination with and hands-on writing exercises which we will share in class, we will develop our skills in all aspects of screenwriting; building fascinating characters, dialogue, story construction (The BIG PICTURE) and scene construction (The Small Picture) Perfection is not the goal; but rather it is to be able to say truly at the end of each day’s writing, “I did the best I could with what I had at the time. (Phillip Roth quoting heavyweight champion Joe Louis)

Cross-Listed Courses
DNCE BC3000 From Page to Stage: Interactions of Literature and Choreography. 3 points.
A survey of how dance and embodied performance adapt textual sources and even generate text. How do moving bodies enhance or subvert words in order to tell a story, and whose story do they tell? Includes the study of plays, poems, and political speech; and of ballet, experimental dance, dance-theater, silent film, physical theater, and puppetry

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Dialectical approach to reading and thinking about the history of dramatic theatre in the west, interrogating the ways poetry inflects, and is inflected by, the material dynamics of performance. Course undertakes careful study of the practices of performance, and of the sociocultural, economic, political, and aesthetic conditions animating representative plays of the Western tradition from the late eighteenth century to today; course will also emphasize development of important critical concepts for the analysis of drama, theatre, and performance. Specific attention will be given to the ideology of realism and naturalism, the development of epic theatre, the theatre of cruelty, postcolonial performance, and the continuing invention of dramatic forms (theatre of the absurd, speechplays, postdramatic theatre), as well as to the political and theoretical impact of race, gender, sexuality, and minority identities on performance. Writing: 2-3 papers; Reading: 1-2 plays, critical and historical reading per week; final examination. Fulfills one (of two) Theatre History requirements for Theatre/Drama and Theatre Arts majors.

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