

Fall 2009

English 2309-001	World Literature	8-8:50 am	202 PH
-002		9-9:50	202 PH
-003		10-10:50	306 PH
-004		11-11:50	202 PH

**Instructor:** Martha T. Warren [mwarren@uta.edu](mailto:mwarren@uta.edu) 817/272-2692 (Messages only!)

**Office:** 402 Carlisle Hall      **Hours:** Mon/Wed, 12 noon – 1:00

**Course Content:** Students will read/watch, discuss, and write about significant works of world literature (poems, short stories, plays, films, and novels) of the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries with emphasis on ideas and the ways in which they reflect cultural and aesthetic values.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students will explain or describe the characteristics of 20<sup>th</sup>/21st Century literature and culture. Students will read/watch significant works of world literature. Students will develop methods and strategies for analyzing and interpreting texts. Students will respond critically to course material, using synthesis and analysis, in oral discussion and in written assignments. Students will write with clarity to communicate effectively, employing proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling in writing. Students will utilize multi-media and sources in class assignments.

**Requirements:** Students should have completed English 1301 and 1302 prior to enrolling in this course.

**Required Textbooks:** Lawall, Sarah, Ed. The Norton Anthology of World Literature. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Vol. F. NY: Norton, 2002.  
Lahiri, Jhumpa. The Namesake.  
Hosseini, Khaled. A Thousand Splendid Suns.

<b>Course Grade:</b> Daily Grades*	= 25%
Mid-Term Exam	= 25%
Final Exam	= 25%
Project/Paper	= 25%

\*Daily Grades include 2 short papers, reading quizzes, short in-class writing, and participation in class activities and class discussion.

Student attendance and participation are crucial to the success of the class. Attend class faithfully and be prepared by completing reading assignments and by participating in discussion and in-class activities. Class will often begin with a reading quiz or short in-class writing assignment. If a student is absent for these activities, they cannot be made up. Excessive absences, chronic lateness, and lack of preparation are unacceptable. Please do not bring laptops to class and please turn off cell phones when entering the classroom!

**Policy on Late Work:** Makeup exams will not be given. If a student misses the Mid-Term Exam, he or she may take a Comprehensive Final Exam which will count as both the Mid-Term and the Final. For out of class essays, students may have one “Grace Day,” (that is one class day after the

assignment is due) to submit the assignment late, with no points off. After that grace day, no late papers will be accepted!!!

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance is considered a necessary factor in the learning process. Therefore, absences for all reasons must be kept to a minimum and should not exceed 7 absences for MWF classes, excused or unexcused. If a student exceeds the maximum number of absences, his or her final grade will be lowered by ten points. Students are held responsible for all academic work required during their absence regardless of the reasons for those absences. Furthermore, regularly coming in late or leaving early is not acceptable either. For example, students will not be counted present, if they come to class to take a reading quizzes and then leave.

**Drop Policy:** If a student chooses to withdraw from this course, it is the student's responsibility to do so within the University's deadlines. The last day to drop is 10/30/09.

**Academic Integrity:** It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

“Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.” (Regents' Rules and Regulations, Series 50101, Section 2.2)

**Student Support Services:** The University of Texas at Arlington supports a variety of student success programs to help you connect with the University and achieve academic success. These programs include learning assistance, developmental education, advising and mentoring, admission and transition, and federally funded programs. Students requiring assistance academically, personally, or socially should contact the Office of Student Success Programs at 817/272-6107 for more information and appropriate referrals.

**Americans with Disabilities Act:** The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 92-112 – The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of federal legislation entitled Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.

As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide “reasonable accommodations” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Students' responsibility primarily rests with informing faculty of their need for accommodation and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels. Information regarding specific diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining academic accommodations can be found at

[www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability). Also, you may visit the Office of Students with Disabilities in room 102 of University Hall or call them at (817) 272-3364.

**Assignment Sheet:** (Instructor reserves the right to make changes in the following assignments should such changes be deemed necessary. Please check your UTA email account regularly as reminders and updates will be communicated via email.)

08/24 First day...

08/26 Reading Literature...

08/28 Project assigned!

08/31 “The Lady with the Dog (Read online:

[http://www.geocities.com/short\\_stories\\_page/chekhovladydog.html?200915](http://www.geocities.com/short_stories_page/chekhovladydog.html?200915))

09/02 “Punishment” 1693-1699 (Read in Norton Anthology)

09/04 “Child’s Play” 1807-1836 (NA)

09/07 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

09/09 “The Metamorphosis” 1999-2030

09/11 “The Dead” 1945-1974

09/14 “The Man He Killed” – handout

Joyeux Noel

Short Paper #1 Assigned!

09/16 Joyeux Noel

09/18 Joyeux Noel

“The Fly” (Read online:

<http://members.lycos.co.uk/shortstories/mansfieldthefly.html>)

09/21 Requiem, 2098-2108

09/23 “The Shawl” (Read online: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/13179675/The-Shawl-Cynthia-Ozick>)

Paper #1 Due!

09/25 “Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Gas Chamber,” 2773-2786

09/28 The Sultan’s Dilemma, Act I, 2282-2304

09/30 Sultan, Act II

10/02 Sultan, Act III

Prepare for Mid-Term Exam

10/05 TBA

10/07 Mid-Term Exam: Matching

10/09 Mid-Term Exam: Essay

10/12 “The Second Coming” 1705

Things Fall Apart, Part I, 2860+

10/14 Things Fall Apart, Part I, continued

10/16 Things Fall Apart, Part II

- 10/19 Things Fall Apart, Part III  
10/21 “The Guest” 2574-2582  
10/23 “Matryona’s Home” 2696-2722
- 10/26 “A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings” (Read online:  
<http://www.geocities.com/ansaxmaster/old.html>)  
10/28 “Yellow Woman” 3143-3150  
10/30 “Saboteur” (Read online:  
<http://faculty.deanza.edu/simesalan/discuss/msgReader%2423?mode=topic>)  
Short Paper #2 Assigned!  
LAST DAY TO DROP!
- 11/02 Persepolis  
11/04 Persepolis  
11/06 Persepolis  
Paper #2 Due!
- 11/09 “The Overcoat” (Read online:  
[http://www.geocities.com/short\\_stories\\_page/gogolovercoat.html](http://www.geocities.com/short_stories_page/gogolovercoat.html))  
11/11 The Namesake, Chs 1 – 4  
11/13 Chs 5-8
- 11/16 Chs 9-12  
11/18 Project Due!  
Intro to A Thousand Splendid Suns  
11/20 A Thousand Splendid Suns, Chs 1-10
- 11/23 Chs 11-21  
11/25 TBA  
11/27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- 11/30 A Thousand Splendid Suns, Chs 22-32  
12/02 Chs 33-43  
12/04 Chs 44-51  
Prepare for Final Exam
- 12/05-12/11 FINAL EXAMS...







