Elective 2/3 year Course: Shakespearean Drama

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Office Hours: Monday 16-17

Course Number: 132-1-2141

Spring semester 2019

Course Description: the course sets out to familiarize students with major aspects of Shakespearean drama by studying plays from different genres and periods in Shakespeare’s career. The course will examine the social and cultural conditions under which these plays were produced and consumed. It will acquaint students with different theoretical and critical perspectives from which these plays are currently approached. In this course we will study in detail and watch some recent productions of the following plays by Shakespeare: The Comedy of Errors; Richard II; Twelfth Night; Hamlet; Othello; Macbeth; The Winter’s Tale.

Key Words: Shakespeare; drama; comedy; tragedy; history; tragicomed; romance

Required reading:
The Comedy of Errors
Richard II
Twelfth Night
Hamlet
Othello
Macbeth
The Winter’s Tale

Course Requirements and Grade Distribution:

Attendance required: yes

Reading
Active class participation 10%
1 in-class Midterm quiz 20%
1 bibliographical assignment to be submitted by the end of the semester 10%
1 take-home assignment 60% (to be handed in by July 30)