**ELL 281 Medieval Literature**

**Halide Aral**

**Office Hours: Monday 14.00- 15.00; Wednesday 14.00- 15.00**

**Course Objective**: The course aims first to study the social, political and historical background of

the Middle Ages and then focus on literary works produced in the period.

**Course Outline:**

**24 September- 30 October**

Introduction to the historical, social and political background of the Middle Ages

*Beowulf - The Wanderer- The Wife’s Lament*

*Caedmon’s Hymn*

*The Dream of the Rood- Judith*

**1 November – 30 November**

Introduction to the Anglo Norman Literature (political, cultural changes and changes in iterature)

Geoffrey of Monmouth- Wace- Layamon- La Roman de Tristran

**Romance**

Marie de France *Milun Lanval*

*Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*

**1 December – 28 December**

**14th and 15th Centuries**

Geoffrey Chauccer *The Canterbury Tales*

William Langland *Piers Plowman*  Incarnation and Curisfiction Lyrics

**Midterm Dates:** **1 November, Midterm I 6 December, Midterm II**

**Evaluation**: There will be two midterm (50%) examinations and a final (50%). Students have to

attend 80% of the classes and it is essential to read the assigned texts in advance to participate

the class discussions. *The Norton Anthology of English Literature* Vo.I is the essential textbook

for this course.