

ÇANKAYA UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
FALL 2025-2026

ELL 233
Survey of English Literature I

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Office Hours: Tue. 14:00-16:00
Thu. 14:00-15:00

Course Description and Objectives:

This survey course looks at selected texts of English literature from the Middle Ages to the 18th century. Topics may range from discussions of literary styles, genres, movements and periods, to contemporaneous artistic, philosophical and scientific, historical and cultural developments. The broader aim of the course is to provide students with a sense of the relations between form and content, influence and intertextuality, and texts and contexts, which shape a literary historical tradition.

Learning Outcome:

Students are expected to acquire knowledge about:

- Historical development of English language from Old English into modern English;
- Historical, economic, political, social, cultural and artistic aspects of the eras;
- Literary movements, periods and genres;
- Analyses of literary texts.

Course Material:

Selections from *The Norton Anthology of English Literature* Vol 1 (for earlier editions) or the first two volumes of later editions.

Course Requirements and Means of Evaluation:

During the semester the students should

1. Read the assigned texts before class.
2. Look up words in a dictionary.
3. Bring the text with them to class for discussion.
4. Be prepared for pop quizzes.
5. Participate in class discussions.
6. Take notes during lectures.
7. Switch off their mobile phones.

Students who are found to have committed cheating in an examination or plagiarism on an assignment will fail the examination. Discrepancy between examples of the student's writing, suspected plagiarism or unethical use of AI technology will be evaluated by the professor and the department academic board, and measures will be taken accordingly. Plagiarism is a serious offense and will not be tolerated. **Further action will also be taken if necessary. Please see university regulations.**

Final grades will include:

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| 1. Quizzes and class participation | 20% |
| 2. Mid-term Exam | 40 % |
| 4. Final Exam | 40 % |

**READING LIST FOR ELL 134
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Week 1:	Introduction to the Middle Ages
Week 2:	"The Wanderer" Chaucer, <i>The Canterbury Tales</i> : from "The General Prologue"
Week 3:	Chaucer, <i>The Canterbury Tales</i> : from "The General Prologue" Malory, <i>Morte Darthur</i> : "The Death of Arthur"
Week 4:	Popular Ballads, "Lord Randall" Introduction to the 16th Century
Week 5:	More, <i>Utopia</i> : Book II: "The Geography of Utopia", "Their Attitude to Gold and Silver" Sidney, from <i>Astrophil and Stella</i> : 1, 5
Week 6:	Spenser, <i>Amoretti</i> : 34, 54 Shakespeare, <i>Sonnets</i> : 18, 30, 130
Week 7:	MIDTERM EXAM
Week 8:	Marlowe, "The Passionate Shepherd to His Love" Raleigh, "The Nymph's Reply to the Shepherd"
Week 9:	Marlowe, <i>The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus</i> : Scene 1 (lines 1-63); Scene 5 (lines 30-125); Scene 13
Week 10:	Introduction to the 17th Century
Week 11:	Andrew Marvell, "To His Coy Mistress" Donne, "The Flea"
Week 12:	Donne, "The Sun Rising" Donne, "Death, be not proud, though some have called thee" Herbert, "Easter Wings"
Week 13:	Herrick, "To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time" Bacon, "Of Studies"
Week 14:	Review

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