

CBM003 ADD/CHANGE FORM

Undergraduate Council  
 New Course  Course Change  
 Core Category: Lang/Phil/Culture Effective Fall 2014

or

Graduate/Professional Studies Council  
 New Course  Course Change  
 Effective Fall 2013

1. Department: English College: CLASS

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2. Faculty Contact Person: Paul Butler Telephone: 3-1758 Email: pbutler@central.uh.edu

3. Course Information on New/Revised course:

- Instructional Area / Course Number / Long Course Title:

ENGL / 2305 / Introduction to Fiction

- Instructional Area / Course Number / Short Course Title (30 characters max.):

ENGL / 2305 / INTRODUCTION TO FICTION

- SCH: 3.00 Level: SO CIP Code: 2301010001 Lect Hrs: 3 Lab Hrs: 0

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4. Justification for adding/changing course: To meet core curriculum requirements

5. Was the proposed/revised course previously offered as a special topics course?  Yes  No

If Yes, please complete:

- Instructional Area / Course Number / Long Course Title:

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- Course ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date (currently active row): \_\_\_\_\_

6. Authorized Degree Program(s): \_\_\_\_\_

- Does this course affect major/minor requirements in the College/Department?  Yes  No

- Does this course affect major/minor requirements in other Colleges/Departments?  Yes  No

- Can the course be repeated for credit?  Yes  No (if yes, include in course description)

7. Grade Option: Letter (A, B, C ...) Instruction Type: lecture ONLY (Note: Lect/Lab info. must match item 3, above.)

8. If this form involves a change to an existing course, please obtain the following information from the course inventory: Instructional Area / Course Number / Long Course Title

ENGL / 2305 / Introduction to Fiction

- Course ID: 21469 Effective Date (currently active row): 8272012

9. Proposed Catalog Description: (If there are no prerequisites, type in "none".)

Cr: 3. (3-0). Prerequisites: ENGL 1304 or equivalent. Description (30 words max.): Selected works of fiction emphasizing composition.

10. Dean's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/8/12

Print/Type Name: Sarah Fishman

## REQUEST FOR COURSES IN THE CORE CURRICULUM

Originating Department or College: Department of English

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Dean's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9/18/2012

Course Number and Title: English 2305, Introduction to Fiction

Please attach in separate documents:

Completed CBM003 Add/Change Form with Catalog Description

Syllabus

List the student learning outcomes for the course (Statements of what students will know and be able to do as a result of taking this course. See appended hints for constructing these statements):

- \* Students will be able to identify, analyze, and discuss elements of fiction.
- \* Students will be able to demonstrate their ability to analyze the material for elements of fiction.
- \* Students will be able to identify cultural values and philosophies of characters and/or societies and analyze how they are incorporated into given works of fiction.
- \* Students will learn and apply correct documentation and citation skills for writing about fiction.

Component Area for which the course is being proposed (check one):

Communication

American History

Mathematics

Government/Political

Science

Language, Philosophy, & Culture

Social & Behavioral Science

Creative Arts

Component Area Option

Life & Physical Sciences

Competency areas addressed by the course (refer to appended chart for competencies that are required and optional in each component area):

Critical Thinking

Teamwork

Communication Skills

Social Responsibility

Empirical & Quantitative Skills

Personal Responsibility

Because we will be assessing student learning outcomes across multiple core courses, assessments assigned in your course must include assessments of the core competencies. For each competency checked above, indicated the specific course assignment(s) which, when completed by students, will provide evidence of the competency. Provide detailed information, such as copies of the paper or project assignment, copies of individual test items, etc. A single assignment may be used to provide data for multiple competencies.

#### Critical Thinking:

Students will write an essay that demonstrates an understanding of elements of fiction and cultural values, ideas, and beliefs that affect the human experience.

#### Sample Assignment

Write an essay on an approved work of fiction that incorporates cultural values, ideas and beliefs of the time, using the elements of fiction. Be sure to use correct citations for quotations and paraphrasing, and incorporate documentation.

#### Communication Skills:

Students must effectively communicate their ideas through the assigned essay above.

#### Empirical & Quantitative Skills:

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#### Teamwork:

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#### Social Responsibility:

Students will explore social beliefs and values of the time and culture in the above paper.

#### Personal Responsibility:

In the above paper, students will explore the personal responsibility taken by characters in the works they choose.

Will the syllabus vary across multiple section of the course?  Yes  No

If yes, list the assignments that will be constant across sections:

The above essay assignment will be constant across sections.

Inclusion in the core is contingent upon the course being offered and taught at least once every other academic year. Courses will be reviewed for renewal every 5 years.

The department understands that instructors will be expected to provide student work and to participate in university-wide assessments of student work. This could include, but may not be limited to, designing instruments such as rubrics, and scoring work by students in this or other courses. In addition, instructors of core courses may be asked to include brief assessment activities in their course.

Dept. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**SYLLABUS FOR ENGLISH 2305  
INTRODUCTION TO FICTION**

<b>Instructor Name:</b>		<b>Section Number:</b>	XXXXX
<b>Office Location:</b>	XXXX	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	XXXXXX
<b>Office Hours:</b>	XXXXXXXXX	<b>Class Location:</b>	XXXXXX
<b>Office Phone:</b>	713-743-XXXX	<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Blackboard Site:</b>	<u><a href="http://www.uh.edu/blackboard">www.uh.edu/blackboard</a></u>		

**Prerequisite for the course:** English 1304

**Course Goals and Methods:**

English 2305 satisfies 3 hours of the U of H core curriculum requirement in Language, Philosophy & Culture. The catalog describes this Foundational Component Area as follows: "Courses in this category focus on how ideas, values, beliefs, and other aspects of culture express and affect human experience. Courses involve the exploration of ideas that foster aesthetic and intellectual creation in order to understand the human condition across cultures."

**Core Objectives**

- **Critical Thinking Skills** – to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Communication Skills** – to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
- **Social Responsibility** – to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities
- **Personal Responsibility** – to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making

**Student Learning Outcomes**

- Students will be able to identify, analyze, and discuss elements of fiction.
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**Required Text**

Bausch, Richard, and R.V. Cassill, eds. *The Norton Anthology of Short Fiction*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed.

**Course Requirements:**

- Students will write several shorter assignments (1-2 pages) and three longer essays (3-5 pages); longer essays will require multiple drafts.
- Students should type all assignments, and the print should be dark enough to read easily. Students are responsible for saving copies of any work turned in for grading.
- Students must turn in all assigned work to be eligible to pass the course.
- Students should turn in assigned work on time.
- Students are expected to attend class. Students with more than 6 hours of unexcused absence (4 T/Th classes, 6 in a MWF class) may be dropped for excessive absence at the instructor's discretion; while such withdrawal is not automatic, excessive absence will affect the final grade in any case (see attendance policy under "Professionalism"). Other than religious holidays, as detailed below, only University-sponsored activities count as excused absences.
- Religious holidays may be excused if the student submits a notice to the instructor stating his or her intention in advance of the absence.
- Students are expected to do their own work. The University of Houston Academic Policies define and prohibit academic dishonesty as follows: "Academic dishonesty means employing a method or technique or engaging in conduct in an academic endeavor that the student knows or should know is not permitted by the university or a course instructor to fulfill academic requirements" (Article 3.02; see *Student Handbook* URL [www.uh.edu/dos/hdbk](http://www.uh.edu/dos/hdbk) for further details). The primary concern in this course is plagiarism, again defined in the Academic Honesty Policy: "Representing as one's own work the work of another without acknowledging the source." Plagiarism will be dealt with according to its type and severity: faulty citation of sources will be treated as a matter for teaching and revision; willful and knowing academic dishonesty will be dealt with according to University policy and can result in failure of the assignment or the course, and/or suspension from or expulsion from the University.

### **Academic Support Services**

"In compliance with the 1973 Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the **Center for Students with DisABILITIES (CSD)** provides 'reasonable and necessary' testing accommodations for qualified students with health impairments, physical limitations, psychiatric disorders, and learning disabilities." Students who want to know more about these services should consult the Student Handbook, or should contact CSD in Room 110 of the Justin Dart, Jr. Center for Students with DisABILITIES (building #568), 713-743-5400 (voice) or 713-749-1527 (TTY); [www.uh.edu/csd](http://www.uh.edu/csd).

### **Learning Support Services**

For help on the mechanics of papers (grammar, punctuation, etc.), students should visit Learning Support Services now located in Cougar Village, room N 109.

### **The Writing Center**

For help with developing ideas, thesis development, and so forth, students should visit the University of Houston Writing Center located in 210-217 Agnes Arnold Hall.

## **Grading**

Course work will be weighted roughly as follows:

Brief writing exercises/daily work	15%
Long Essays (2)	20% (each)
Group Paper/Presentation	30%
Professionalism*	15%

## **Professionalism**

Professionalism includes being on time, meeting deadlines, collaborating with your peers, and completing assigned work in groups. You must also have regular attendance, be willing to participate in all facets of classroom life, and make a sincere effort to improve your own writing and that of your peers through peer review, revision, and conferencing. After 4 absences (6 in MWF classes), your professionalism grade will become an F. In some cases, professionalism could mean the difference between one grade and the next—or, in borderline cases, between passing and failing.