This class is one of the surveys required for the English major. We will cover early British literature, primarily poetry, starting with Old English and ending with Milton.

Late policy: Because there are only two papers and a final examination in this course, there is no provision for late work. Please plan your semester carefully.

There will be occasional in-class assignments to assess participation.

Please see me if you need disability accommodations.

Papers will be assessed for quality of research and quality of writing.

The final examination will consist of passages from the semester's reading for you to identify. Please read carefully over the entire semester.

Required Texts:

Recommended Text:

Grading:
Class participation: 10%
Old English Word Study: 30%
Middle English Project (Word Study and translation): 30%
Final Examination: 30%

Schedule of Classes:
Jan 27 Introduction to Old English
29 Caedmon
Feb 3 Wanderer
5 Dream of the Rood
10 Battle of Maldon
12 Beowulf
17 Library visit – Introduction to OED, DOE, Old English Corpus
19 In-class Discussion of Word Study assignment

24 No Class (Instructor Holiday – the rest of the university is open)
26 Beowulf

Mar 3 Beowulf
5 Ubi Sount Qui Ante Nos Fuerount?, I Sing of One that is Matchless

10 Sir Orfeo
12 Wife of Bath’s Prologue and Tale

17 Wife of Bath
19 Wife of Bath

March 24, 26, 31 SPRING BREAK

Apr 2 Southwell (all); Shakespeare (all); Wotton (all)

7 Donne, To his Mistris Going to Bed, Song: Goe and Catch a Falling Star, The Sunne Rising, Aire and Angels, A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning, At the round earth’s imagined corners, If poysonous minerals,
9 Donne (continued); Kynaston (all) MIDDLE ENGLISH PROJECT DUE

14 Herbert: Easter-wings, Jordan (1), Vanitie, Vertue, Jordan (II), The Pulley
16 Carew, An Elegie upon the death of Donne, To my inconstant Mistris, Habington (all)

21 Suckling (all); Crashaw, Hymn to St. Therea; Cowley, On the Death of Mr. Crashaw
23 Lovelace, To Lucasta To Amarantha, To Althea; Marvell, On a Drop of Dew, Bermudas, The Mower to the Glo-Worms, The Garden

30 Begin Milton, Paradise Lost, Book VII

May 5 Paradise Lost, Book VIII
7 Paradise Lost, Book IX

May 12 Finish Paradise Lost

Final Exam: Friday, May 16, 715-930 AM