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: Late papers will be accepted in the case of genuine and compelling emergenices for a full grade penalty and only up to one week late. 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 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 Text:

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:

Aug 24 Introduction
27 Caedmon
29 Wanderer

Sep 5 Labor Day (no class)
7 Seafarer
12 Dream of the Rood
14 Battle of Maldon
19  Riddles
21  Beowulf

26  Library visit – Introduction to OED, DOE, Old English Corpus
28  In-class Discussion of OE Word Study assignment

Oct  3  Beowulf
5  Beowulf

10  Instructor Holiday (no class)
12  Ubi Sount Qui Ante Nos Fuerount?, I Sing of One that is Matchless
OLD ENGLISH WORD STUDY DUE

17  Sir Orfeo
19  Wife of Bath’s Tale

24  Fairy Lover ballads (text provided)
26  Fairy Lover ballads

31  Fairy Lover ballads. Sir Thomas Wyatt: They Flee from Me

Nov 2  Christopher Marlowe: Passionate Shepherd; Walter Ralegh: The
Nymph’s Reply to the Shepherd

7  John Donne: To his Mistris Going to Bed, Song: Goe and Catch a Falling
Star, The Sunne Rising
9  Donne: Aire and Angels, A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning
MIDDLE ENGLISH PROJECT DUE

14  Donne sonnets: Batter my heart, At the round earth’s imagined
corners, If poysous minerals, Death be not Proud
16  Andrew Marvell: To His Coy Mistress, On a Drop of Dew

21  Marvell, Bermudas, The Mower to the Glo-Worms, The Garden
23  Thanksgiving break (no class)

28  John Milton, Paradise Lost, Book I (lines 1-270)
30  Paradise Lost, Book VII

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

12  Finish Paradise Lost and review

Final Exam:  Wednesday, December 14, 945-1200