This class satisfies the C2 lower division GE requirement in Arts and Letters. It is a survey of some important works of 19th and 20th century fantasy and science fiction, as well as a brief look at the Chinese legends of the Monkey King. Your writing will be graded for both content and expression. Please read the assigned works carefully and look up any words you do not know. You will be held responsible for all the vocabulary in these works and be examined on it. Class will be run as an informal lecture and discussion.

Late Policy: Late work can be made up in the case of genuine and compelling emergencies beyond your control, but only up to one week late. A full grade penalty will apply.

Required Texts:

H.G. Wells, *The Time Machine*
Karl Capek, *R.U.R. (Rossum’s Universal Robots)*
Philip K. Dick, *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*
Bram Stoker, *Dracula’s Guest* (short story, NOT the entire novel, available on-line)*
ETA Hoffmann, *The Sandman* (available on-line)*
*Journey to the West*, Chinese epic of the Monkey King, available on-line

Grading:

Two midterm exams 20%
Movie Review 20%
4 in-class essays 40%
Final paper 20%
(your final paper will be revised and researched from one of your original 4 in class essays)

Schedule of Classes:

Aug 23       Introduction to Science Fiction
Aug 28       The Time Machine
Aug 30       The Time Machine
Sep 4  Labor Day – no class
Sep 6  The Time Machine (in-class writing)
Sep 11  R.U.R.
Sep 13  R.U.R.
Sep 18  R.U.R. (in-class writing)
Sep 20  Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?
Sep 25  Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?
Sep 27  Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?

Oct 2  MIDTERM READING AND VOCABULARY EXAM
Oct 4  Bladerunner (movie shown in class)

*****OCTOBER 6 – Release of *Bladerunner 2049*. Please see this movie in a theater.*****

Oct 9  Bladerunner (movie shown in class)
Oct 11  Discussion of Bladerunner and Bladerunner 2049
Oct 16  Write Movie Review in Class
Oct 18  Stoker, Dracula’s Guest
Oct 23  ETA Hoffmann, The Sandman
Oct 30  Season of Mists

Nov 1  Season of Mists
Nov 6  Season of Mists (in-class writing)
Nov 8  MIDTERM READING AND VOCABULARY EXAM
Nov 13  Journey to the West, Chapter One
Nov 15  Journey to the West, Chapter Two
Nov 20  Instructor Holiday – no class
Nov 22  Thanksgiving break
Nov 27  Journey to the West, Chapter Three
Nov 29  Journey to the West, Chapter Four (in-class writing)

Dec 4  Writing/Revision Workshop
Dec 6  Writing/Revision Workshop
Dec 11  Writing/Revision Workshop (You will sign up to attend ONE of these workshops)

December 19, 945-1200  -- Brief oral presentation of the core idea of your final paper.
Final revised PAPER DUE.