

**English 142**  
**Chaucer**  
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**Fall 2015**  
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This course is an introduction to the works of Geoffrey Chaucer, read in the original Middle English.

You may purchase your text on Amazon or use an on-line edition.

Recommended Text:

Baugh, Albert C. *Chaucer's Major Poetry*, Prentice-Hall, 1963. Any edition used or new is fine.

Other possible texts include:

Fisher, John H. *The Complete Poetry and Prose of Geoffrey Chaucer*, any edition.

Benson, Larry, *The Riverside Chaucer*, any edition.

Robinson, F. N., *The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

On-Line Edition:

<http://www.unc.edu/depts/chaucer/chttexts.htm>

Grading:

Grading will be calculated as follows:

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| Midterm Exam | 20% |
| Word Study   | 20% |
| Term Paper   | 30% |
| Final Exam   | 30% |

Please see me if you need Disability Accommodations.

Late work can only be accepted in the case of genuine and compelling emergencies beyond your control. Late work must be turned in within one week of the due date and will be subject to a full grade penalty.

Schedule of Classes:

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| Aug 24 | Introduction  |
| Aug 26 | Book of the Duchess   |
| Aug 31 | Book of the Duchess   |
| Sep 2  | Book of the Duchess   |
| Sep 7  | Labor Day - University Closed   |
| Sep 9  | General Prologue  |
| Sep 14 | General Prologue  |
| Sep 16 | Knight's Tale   |
| Sep 21 | Knight's Tale <u>WORD STUDY DUE</u>   |
| Sep 23 | Knight's Tale   |
| Sep 28 | Miller's Tale   |
| Sep 30 | Miller's Tale   |
| Oct 5  | Instructor Holiday – No Class (otherwise SJSU is in session)  |
| Oct 7  | Reeve's Tale  |
| Oct 12 | Wife of Bath's Prologue   |
| Oct 14 | Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale  |
| Oct 19 | Wife of Bath's Tale   |
| Oct 21 | <u>MIDTERM EXAM</u>   |
| Oct 26 | Clerk's Tale  |
| Oct 28 | Clerk's Tale  |
| Nov 2  | Merchant's Tale   |
| Nov 4  | Franklin's Tale   |
| Nov 9  | Franklin's Tale   |
| Nov 11 | Veteran's Day – University Closed   |
| Nov 16 | Pardoner's Tale   |
| Nov 18 | Pardoner's Tale   |
| Nov 23 | Prioress' Tale <u>TERM PAPERS DUE</u>   |
| Nov 25 | Tale of Sir Thopas and beginning of Melibee (lines 967-1111)  |
| Nov 30 | Monk's Tale selections ("I wol biwaile", Lucifer, Adam, Julius Caesar)<br>Begin Nun's Priest's Tale |
| Dec 2  | Nun's Priest's Tale   |
| Dec 7  | Chaucer's Retraction and Review for Final   |

Final Exam: Friday, December 11, 2015, 1215-1430 in our same classroom