

EN 213:Poetry

3 Credits

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Course Description

Dickinson wrote of this enthralling and often perplexing form. This course will introduce you to the analytical pleasures of reading, discussing, and writing poetry. As we read poems from multiple cultures and historical periods, we will create a toolkit of terminology and methods for interpreting poetry. Assignments will include an essay, a recitation, poetry games, and a final project with a creative component.

Required Texts

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Accommodating Students with Disabilities

Skidmore College is committed to supporting the learning needs of all students in our diverse community. If you have a documented barrier to learning or think you may have a disability, please consult with Meg Hegen

Course Schedule

ξ All assignments are due by the start of class on the day listed.

ξ All readings and other materials are to be completed in the class session for which they are listed. & 3 μ V W D Q G V I R U ' F R X U V H S D F N H W μ , I Q R W anthology.

Day	Week	Class Topic	Reading	Assignment Due
9/6 W	1	Syllabus	5 R E H U W + D \ G H Q G : L Q W H U 6 X Q G D \ V μ class)	
9/8 F		Poetic riddles	Poetic riddles packet Anglo Saxon riddles; e.eF X P P L Q p J v - h - e U s - s a g - U μ 6 \ O Y L D 3 O D ' 0 H W D S Tracy K. Smith, ' (L Q V W H L Q (C P) 0 R W K I Poetics background reading % X U W ' ' R Q · W (5 H D G the Spring)	Short Writing 1: Favorite poem interview
9/11 M	2	Old English versification	ξ ' & D H G P R Q · V + \ F ξ Beowulf lines 125 ξ Gerard Manley Hopkins, ' & D U U L R Q & R P I ξ . H P L \$ O D E L ' : H + H [W K H 3 U H V L C	

10/18 W		Stanzas	<p>ξ George Herbert, '7KH 7HPSOH μ '(DVW '7KH)ORZHU μ</p> <p>ξ : % <HDWV '6D %\]DQWLXP μ</p> <p>ξ /XFLOOH &OLIW JRG μ</p>	
10/20 F		Heroic couplets	<p>ξ AlexandrePope, from '(VVD\ RQ 0DQ μ</p> <p>ξ 5REHUW %URZQ 'XFKHV μ</p> <p>ξ :LOIUHG 2ZHQ 0HHWLQJ μ</p>	Short Writing 6
10/23 M	8	Couplets	<p>ξ Natasha Trethewey, '7KHRULHV RI 7 6SDFH μ</p> <p>ξ 7UDF\ . 6PLWK ξ \$GD /LPRQ '7K 6D\ V :H·G /LNH Conversation to be %LOLQJXD μ</p> <p>ξ (PLO\ /HLWKDXV)OLFNHU μ</p>	
10/25 W		Tercets	<p>ξ 5REHUW)URVW ZLWK WKH 1LJK ξ :DOODFH 6WHYF 0DQ μ</p> <p>ξ 3KLOLS /DUNLQ %HG μ</p> <p>ξ GwendolynBrooks, 'NLWFKHQHWWF</p>	

M			<p>ξ \$QWKRQ\ +HFKV RI <ROHNμ</p> <p>ξ AlbertoRíos '1DQLμ</p> <p>ξ 5DQGD00 0DQQ 0RUWLFLDQ LQ (CP)</p> <p>Poetics reading background on the sestina (theSpring)</p>	
11/1 W		The Romantic ode	<p>ξ :RUGVZRUK '2 ,QWLPDWLRQV F</p> <p>ξ 6KHOOH\ '2GH :LQGμ</p> <p>ξ .HDWV '2GH RQ 8UQμ</p> <p>Poetics reading background on the ode(theSpring)</p>	
11/3 F		Contemporary odes	<p>ξ Sharon Olds, '2GH WR +\PH(CP)</p> <p>ξ /XFLOOH &OLIW SHULRGμ &3</p> <p>ξ .HYLQ <RXQJ '2 0LGZHVWμ &3</p> <p>ξ .ZDPH 'DZHV '2 &ORWKHVOLQHμ</p> <p>ξ 5RVV *D\ '2GH 3XULWDQ LQ 0H</p>	Short Writing 8
11/6 M	10	Elegies	<p>ξ 5REHUW +HUULF &KLOG 7KDW 'LH</p> <p>ξ .DWKHULQH 3KL</p> <p>ξ W.H.Auden ')XQHUI %OXHVμ</p> <p>ξ Natasha Trethewey, '*UDYH\DUG %O</p>	
11/8 W			Exam Review bring in questions from review packet	
11/10 F			Exam	Exam due by end of class

11/13 M	11	Ghazals	Poems by Rumi, Faiz, and Agha Shahid Ali (CP)	
11/15 W		Pohndorff Room YLV LW IRU	<p>§ William Blake, '7 KH / D '7 KH 6 LFN 5 RVH</p> <p>§ 6 \ OYLD 3 O DWK</p> <p>§ < X VHI . R P X Q \ DN It μ</p> <p>§ Eavan % R O D Q G '7 Science of Cartography Is / L P L W H G μ</p>	
11/17 F		Poets talking to the moon	<p>§ Sappho, moon fragments (CP)</p> <p>§ 6 LU 3 K L O L S 6 L G D Q G 6 W H O O D</p> <p>§ 6 K H O O H \ '7 R W § - H D Q 7 R R P H U ' 6 R Q J μ</p> <p>§ : D O O D F H 6 W H Y H 3 D U D S K U D V H μ</p> <p>§ : + \$ X G H Q '7 K % H D X W \ μ</p> <p>§ Margaret Wise Brown, Goodnight, Moon (link on the Spring)</p> <p>§ 7 L P R W K \ < X '0 F</p> <p>Background reading: Mary Ruefle, '3 R H W U \ D Q G W K H (the Spring)</p>	Short Writing 9
11/20 M	12	Poets in the city	<p>§ : L O O L D P % O D N H</p> <p>§ 7 6 (O L R W '7 K R I - \$ O I U H G 3 U</p> <p>§ 0 D \ D \$ Q J H O R X 1 H Z < R U N μ & 3</p> <p>§ 0 R Q L F D < R X Q ' 8 Q D F F R P S D Q L H</p> <p>§ \$ G D / L P R Q '7 K 0 R Y H μ & 3</p>	
			11/22-26: Thanksgiving Vacation	
11/27 M		Love poetry	<p>§ '% H Q - R Q V R Q ' & H O L D μ</p> <p>§ * H R U J H + H U E H U</p>	

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