Global Shakespeares

A Global Learning
Discipline-Specific Course

ENL 4324 | Fall 2021 | AC2-210
12:30-1:45 p.m. | Tuesdays & Hybrid

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I love students; I love seeing students learn and succeed. Please use me as a resource and let me know what we can do to best achieve learning and success together.

Note: If you have any special needs or requests, see me immediately—I can rarely help you retroactively, but am happy to provide any assistance needed when notified appropriately.

Global Learning Course
This is a Global Learning Discipline-Specific course that counts toward your Global Learning requirement.

Course Description
William Shakespeare is one of the most recognized writers in the world and his influence continues to grow, including as more cultures around the world engage with, adapt, and appropriate his works.

Global Shakespeares seeks to examine the worldwide roles of Shakespeare’s texts today, with a particular (though not exclusive) look at film, since film offers a stable, reproducible, and easily examined medium for repeated study.

Most importantly, this course is designed to help you come to better understand and meaningfully engage with—through the lens of Shakespeare’s works—the many cultures and countries that continue to enjoy, consume, use, and engage with his texts.

I hope this course can be flexible in meeting your interests. Please let me know early about your interests and I will work to ensure that we cover relevant areas of significance to you, as possible.

Course Learning Goals
Global Shakespeares intends to help you:

- Deepen your understanding of Shakespeare’s texts and their place within their historical context as well as within their current diverse cultural and global contexts.
- Increase your skills in critical interpretation and textual reading.
- Improve in your critical analysis of film and visual texts.
- Develop your abilities in conveying textual interpretation using available evidence through writing and presentations.

While I will do all that I can to assist you in obtaining these goals, your investment in reading and analyzing the course texts will finally determine your long-term benefits from this course. With some effort, I assure you this course will greatly increase your abilities to read, analyze, interpret, and convey significant ideas and meanings. I also assure that you can find much you to enjoy within this course.

Course Textbooks

Online resources: https://globalshakespeares.mit.edu/
Global Learning Course Outcomes

Global Shakespeares also intends to help you accomplish the following Global Learning outcomes:

- **Global Awareness**—Demonstrate an understanding of the interrelatedness of approaches to understanding Shakespeare and the many local, global, international, and intercultural issues the study of his texts raise through the close study of a range of adaptations and appropriations of Shakespeare’s texts, both printed and in film, from diverse cultural groups worldwide.

- **Global Perspective**—Conduct an analysis of selected intercultural Shakespearean texts in terms of multiple local, global, international, and intercultural perspectives on relevant issues and problems.

- **Global Engagement**—Demonstrate a willingness to apply perspectives gained through studying cultural interpretations of Shakespeare’s works as a means or medium to engage with and improve local, global, international, and intercultural issues.

Active Learning Expectations

This course will require your active engagement. I commit to being equally engaged in your learning. You will be involved throughout the course in presentations, small group activities, interactive discussions, peer review, learning-focused film viewings, and multiple writing assignments, each requiring a learning-focused, multiple draft process.

Overview of Graded Course Work

**Presentation (100 points)**

You will share one multimedia presentation on a scholarly article concerned with an issue in a Shakespearean text, production, or film related to local, global, international, and/or intercultural issues. You are responsible to sign-up for presentation in class and share your work during the appropriate online discussion related to your selection. Your presentation should be 3-5 minutes long and posted to the appropriate discussion board.

Your presentation should include a narrated slides (or equivalent multimedia) with:

(a) definitions of key terms from the article,
(b) summaries and explanations of core arguments and ideas from the article,
(c) the relation of the article to our current readings and course material,
(d) your response or reflections on the article in terms of our course learning.

A complete assignment sheet is available online in Module 0 of our Canvas site.

**Analysis Paper Proposal (20 points; included in Participation points)**

Before you write your analysis paper, you need to submit to me (via Canvas) a brief proposal (at least 250-350 words) of what you want to study and research in your paper, so I can approve your core ideas as well as point you in productive directions for your analysis. Instructions are included online.

**Analysis Paper (200 points)**

The analysis paper (approx. 7-9 pages) in this course asks you to examine two films, each from a distinct cultural background, based on a single Shakespearean play in order to analyze a major theme of the work using the differing perspectives of each film. Your paper must offer a critical reading informed by textual evidence (i.e. use the text and specific examples from the films) as well as appropriate secondary research and citations. I will give you a complete writing assignment in class and discuss this assignment further during class. Please ask me about your ideas before pursuing them too far and always feel comfortable bouncing ideas off of me via email or in office hours.

**Peer Review (100 points)**

The best writing is a product of time and also benefits from outside responses and perspectives. Therefore, we will have one module this semester set aside for reviewing early drafts of the analysis and applications papers. To receive full credit, you must contribute a full paper draft and actively respond to your peers’ papers by thoughtful responding to their work, following the online guidelines provided.

**Applications Paper (150 points)**

The applications paper (5-7 pages) in this course asks you to reflect on your learning throughout this course and to explain the applications of this course to your life. You should reflect on specific changes in behavior
and thought, ways you have or can engage with issues in new ways, and other specific ways you can apply what you have learned this semester in this course. Your paper should address local, global, international, and intercultural applications.

**Attendance (100 points)**

I will take role and expect you to always attend class, bringing with you all needed supplies and texts. Note that if you are more than 20 minutes late to class, you will be counted absent. Every absence, for any reason not covered by university standards, will affect your grade. After four absences, I will fail you (give you zero points) in the attendance aspect of your grade. If you are having trouble of any kind, please see me immediately, so we can work something out. I am much nicer when you approach me before a deadline with an issue and much less amenable after the deadline has passed.

**Quizzes (25 points each; 100 points total)**

These will never be too challenging (though they will also never be a waste of time). They should offer some challenge as well as be a means to gauge your reading depth and attention. I will also often use them to begin classroom discussion and review readings and homework. If you come on time and have done the required reading and other homework these quizzes should be to your benefit. Do the reading consistently and conscientiously and these quizzes should only help you. I will drop your lowest quiz score.

**Class Participation (100 points)**

To earn full credit for class participation, you need to make positive contributions to our discussions, both in class and online. Such contributions should include asking thoughtful questions, offering comments that move a discussion forward, showing respect for other members of the class—even if you disagree with them—and avoiding dominating class discussion time (i.e. please contribute, but do not take up an entire period on just your ideas and comments).

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**Grade Breakdown**

- **A** 94-100
- **A-** 90-93
- **B+** 87-89
- **B** 84-86
- **B-** 80-83
- **C+** 77-79
- **C** 74-76
- **D** 64-73
- **F** 0-64

**Course Policies and Other Guidelines**

**Missing Work:** If you do not submit work or miss a class quiz, you will receive a zero for that assignment.

**Late Work:** If any of your papers are late, I will reduce your grade by 10 points each day it is late.

**Academic Integrity:** All students are expected to abide by FIU’s policy on academic integrity. Not doing so could result in failure in the course and other severe penalties.

**Labeling Work:** Include your name, course prefix and number, date of submission, and a descriptive title:

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Horatio Hamletson  
English 4324  
April 3, 2019  
Analysis Essay

Crossing Cultures: Unexpected Lovers in *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*
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# Course Schedule
(changes occasionally may occur; check online for more details)

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<th>Module 0:</th>
<th>Course Introduction and Core Concepts</th>
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| August 24 | In Class: Shakespeare in His Times | Shakespeare across Cultures  
ONLINE: Introduce yourself in Our Class (discussion board) |

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<th>Module 1a:</th>
<th>A Midsummer Night’s Dream</th>
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| August 31 | Due: Read A Midsummer Night’s Dream | Online Response  
In Class: Quiz on A Midsummer Night’s Dream  
ONLINE: Continue Discussion of AMND | Read Crowl, Introductory Materials & Chapter 1 (3-20) | Online Response |

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<th>Module 1b:</th>
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| September 7 | Due: View course’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream | Online Response  
In Class: A Midsummer Night’s Dream across cultures  
ONLINE: Continue Discussion of AMND across Cultures | Read Crowl, Chapter 6 (101-127) | Online Response |
| September 14 | Due: View your selected A Midsummer Night’s Dream | Online Response  
In Class: A Midsummer Night’s Dream across cultures  
ONLINE: Continue Discussion of AMND across Cultures | Read Crowl, Chapter 7 (128-144) | Online Response |

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<th>Module 2a:</th>
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| September 21 | Due: Read Twelfth Night | Online Response  
In Class: Quiz on Twelfth Night  
ONLINE: Continue Discussion of Twelfth Night | Read Crowl, Chapter 8 (145-160) | Online Response |

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<th>Module 2b:</th>
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| September 28 | Due: View A Speaker’s Progress | Online Response  
In Class: Twelfth Night across cultures  
ONLINE: Continue Discussion of AMND across Cultures | Read Crowl, Chapter 9 (161-178) | Online Response |
| October 5 | Due: View your selected Twelfth Night | Online Response  
In Class: Twelfth Night across cultures  
ONLINE: Continue Discussion of Twelfth Night across Cultures | Read Crowl, Chapter 10 (179-196) |

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<th>Module 3a:</th>
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| October 12 | Due: Read Hamlet | Online Response | **Analysis Paper Proposal** (post online)  
In Class: Quiz on Hamlet  
ONLINE: Continue Discussion of Hamlet | Crowl, Chapter 2 (21-40) | Online Response |

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<th>Week 3b:</th>
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| October 19 | Due: View Legend of the Black Scorpion | Online Response  
In Class: Hamlet across cultures  
ONLINE: Continue Online Discussion of Hamlet across Cultures | Read Crowl, Chapter 3 (41-60) | Online Response |
| October 26 | Due: View your selected Hamlet | Online Response  
In Class: Hamlet across cultures  
ONLINE: Continue Online Discussion of Hamlet across Cultures |
| Module 4: | **Peer Review | Analysis and Applications Papers**  
November 2 | Due: Draft of Analysis Paper posted online for Peer Review  
In Class: Applications  
ONLINE: Complete Peer Review of Analysis Paper |
| Module 5a: | **The Tempest**  
November 9 | Due: Read *The Tempest* | Online Response  
In Class: Quiz on *The Tempest*  
ONLINE: Continue Online Discussion of *The Tempest* | Read Crowl, Chapter 4 (61-79) | Online Response |
| Module 5b: | **The Tempest across Cultures**  
November 16 | Due: View your selected *Tempest* | Online Response  
In Class: *The Tempest* across cultures  
ONLINE: Continue Online Discussion of *The Tempest* across Cultures | Read Crowl, Chapter 5 (80-97) | Online Response |
| Module 6: | **Global Shakespeares | Applications | Analysis Paper**  
November 23 | Due: **Analysis Paper**  
In Class: Engaging with Shakespeare | Share your Analysis Paper Summary (250-350 words, in class and posted online)  
ONLINE: Join the Applications Discussion Board | Enjoy Thanksgiving Break |
| November 30 | Due: **Applications Paper** Draft (posted online)  
In Class: What is Global Shakespeares | Applications of Course: Where Do We Go from Here?  
ONLINE Applications Paper Peer Review |
| FINAL | **Applications Paper**  
Due: **Applications Paper** (post ONLINE) |
FIU Statement on Covid and course policies

As cases and hospitalizations due to the Delta variant continue to increase in our community, we must unite and take necessary steps to prevent further spread.

1. **Daily and before arriving to campus, complete the P3 app.** If you are not given the green check mark to enter campus, then return home, and contact me by email.
2. **Please check your FIU email account and your Canvas course at least once a day.** Email and Canvas are the best ways for the university, and your professors, to contact you.
3. If you do not feel well, have tested positive for COVID-19, or have been in contact with a person with COVID-19 while not yet being fully vaccinated, please do not come to class, immediately complete the P3 app to notify the COVID Response Team or call them at 305-348-1919, and contact me by email as soon as you can. In order to receive an excused absence for P3 failure/COVID-19, you must contact the COVID Response Team at 305-348-1919. If you are directed to isolate or quarantine because of COVID-19, your absences will be considered excused. The make-up policies are outlined in this syllabus. [FACULTY INSERT YOUR MAKE-UP POLICY, IF APPLICABLE.]
4. Per recent CDC guidelines, a vaccinated, asymptomatic individual exposed to a COVID-19 positive person does not need to isolate or quarantine. Nevertheless, it is strongly encouraged to continue to wear a mask. Furthermore, it is recommended to get tested 3-5 days after a known exposure. However, if at any time you become symptomatic, you need to test immediately. If the test returns positive, you will need to follow the COVID-19 positive protocol at that time.
   1. “Asymptomatic” means (of a condition or a person) producing or showing no symptoms.
   2. “Symptomatic” means exhibiting or involving symptoms.
   3. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:
      - Fever or chills
      - Cough
      - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
      - Fatigue
      - Muscle or body aches
      - Headache
      - New loss of taste or smell
      - Congestion or runny nose
      - Nausea or vomiting
      - Diarrhea
5. **Please take every precaution to keep yourself and others healthy.** Per CDC guidelines, you are encouraged to get vaccinated and strongly advised to wear a mask indoors and in public including all FIU facilities.
6. Missing excessive days may lead to failing a class or a grade of incomplete.
7. For me to assist you in achieving your goals, it is important for you to contact me as soon as you experience any events that might disrupt your course participation. For up-to-date information about COVID-19, please see the repopulation.fiu.edu FAQs.
   Please be advised that class content may be subject to streaming or course capture for future access by students in this course. Your attendance/participation in this course constitutes consent to such recording.