

English 2228F 550  
Literary and Cultural Texts: Pre-1700  
Fall 2020

Mondays 3:30-5:30pm & Wednesdays 2:30-3:30pm

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**



Hieronymus Bosch, *The Garden of Earthly Delights* (ca. 1490-1510)

In this course, students will have the opportunity to study some of the greatest known – and lesser known – literary and cultural texts written from the Medieval, Renaissance, and Restoration periods. These periods are marked by a shift in perspective and understanding, from the supremacy of the divine to the emergence of the prodigious human being and, most importantly, his/her potential to incite change. While this understanding may appear fundamental to us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, this new way of thinking caused great upheaval in individual and collective life, socially and politically, and led to the beginning of the *early* modern period.

To fully understand these awesome changes, we will not only delve into the literary achievements of the period, but also the historical events and cultural practices that inspired them, including but not limited to cycles of carnival/purgation, the Protestant Reformation, outbreaks of Bubonic plague, and the invention of the Gutenberg Press (ca. 1440), the event which propelled the *Rinascimento* – literally, the “rebirth” – for it enabled the accessibility of these texts, the tools for empowering the human mind. Crucially, in our critical investigations, we will be mindful of human life which is persistently marginalized during this time.

Literature – long and short narratives, dramas, poetry, pamphlets – will include works by familiar masters such as Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare, and Aphra Behn, and perhaps the not-as-familiar, such as

Guillaume de Lorris, Thomas Dekker, and Mary Pix. Literary texts specifying varied global *rinascimenti* will also be studied, in addition to visual (Albrecht Durer, Hieronymus Bosch, Artemisia Gentileschi, etc.) and aural (Gregorian, Baroque, etc.) forms of creative expression. Theory is supplied by Mikhail Bakhtin's *Rabelais and His World*, among others.

#### PREREQUISITE(S)

At least 60% in 1.0 of English 1020-1999 or permission of the Department.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Explore a wide range of forms of creative expression in the Pre-1700 period, including long and short narratives, drama, poetry, pamphlets, travelogues, music, and visual art
- Place individual texts in their socio-historical and geographical context within the pre-1700 period
- Recognize and understand the features of genres such as tragedy, comedy, farce, allegory, etc.
- Analyze texts employing the skills of literary analysis, considering features such as narrative technique, symbolism, rhyme and rhythm, etc.
- Understand the political, religious, moral, and philosophical substructures of the texts on the course
- Communicate ideas effectively through readings, discussion, blogging, creative composition and/or presentation, and persuasive essays
- View live (recorded) performances of professional theatre companies
- Write logically and persuasively in fluent, standard English using the appropriate conventions for scholarly-critical writing
- Design strong thesis statements and structured arguments in persuasive essays which incorporate evidence, from both primary and secondary texts, in support of arguments
- Evaluate the relevance, reliability, and usefulness of research sources, including those obtained through the Internet
- Integrate outside research materials and references to the original text into an essay through use of quotations and paraphrases using correct MLA documentation
- Read and reflect on course readings via a variety of online tasks

#### DESCRIPTION OF CLASS METHODS

Lecture 30%

Group Discussions 20%

Individual Assignments 30%

Online tasks 20%

#### TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER REQUIRED RESOURCES

Guillaume de Lorris and Jean de Meun, *The Romance of the Rose*, trans. by Charles Dahlberg. Princeton UP, 1995. ISBN 9780691044569

Alternative copies: translation into prose by Frances Horgan (most akin to the copy in the bookstore)

[https://www.amazon.ca/Romance-Rose-Guillaume-Lorris/dp/0199540675/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=romance+of+the+rose&qid=1597597096&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.ca/Romance-Rose-Guillaume-Lorris/dp/0199540675/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=romance+of+the+rose&qid=1597597096&sr=8-1)

Ebook translation into verse by: [https://www.amazon.ca/Romance-Rose-Roman-Continuation-Book-ebook/dp/B07YVKKXZ4/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?dchild=1&keywords=romance+of+the+rose&qid=1597345507&sr=8-2](https://www.amazon.ca/Romance-Rose-Roman-Continuation-Book-ebook/dp/B07YVKKXZ4/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=romance+of+the+rose&qid=1597345507&sr=8-2)

Any copy available in the public domain with my approval.

François Rabelais, *Gargantua and Pantagruel* (any copy available, preferably one which includes the drawings of Gustave Doré. (A link to an electronic copy available in the public domain will be made available via OWL.)

## RECOMMENDED TEXTS

*The Broadview Anthology of British Literature Volume 1: The Medieval Period*, eds. Joseph Black, et. al. 3rd edn. Broadview, 2015. *Selections provided via OWL.*

*The Broadview Anthology of British Literature Volume 2: Renaissance and The Early Seventeenth Century*, eds. Joseph Black, et. al. 3rd edn. Broadview, 2016. *Selections provided via OWL.*

Additional texts and critical materials will be distributed to students throughout the term via OWL, under Course Readings **and** Course Content, or the library catalogue.

## METHOD OF EVALUATION

Individual:

Midterm 10%

Research Essay (2,500-3,000 words) 25%

Final Exam 25%

Collaborative (i.e. assignments will be distributed, shared, and sometimes even penned with peers):

Creative Assignment 10% (group or individual assignment)

Participation & Discussion – Zoom or OWL Forum 15%

Performance Analysis Blogpost (1,000 words) 10%

Passage Analysis (Perusall) 2 x 2.5% = 5%

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENTS

**Performance Analysis Blogpost:** The purpose of this assignment is to strengthen your critical analysis of drama in performance. Students will compose a short blogpost on a recorded performance of one of the dramatic texts studied on the course reading list.

**Passage Analysis (Perusall):** Students will complete 2 passage analysis tasks using Perusall.

**Creative Assignment:** Students will have the opportunity to complete a creative task independently or in a small group, working virtually, of no more than 3 students. Options include performance of a scene from a play or your remediation/adaptation of it, a memorized reading of a poem (minimum 30 lines), any digital/visual/aural form of creative expression inspired by pre-1700 literature and culture.

**Research Essay:** A formal, extended critical analysis of literary and/or cultural texts studied over the duration of the course. The essay should engage with more than one possible interpretation of the creative expressions chosen and endeavour to go beyond the simple exposition of ideas. Secondary research is required (at least 3 materials – essays/articles from books/academic journals). Further instruction, essay-writing and research tips will be provided. MLA citation style is required.

**NOTE.** detailed assignment instructions will be provided and posted on OWL under Assignments; students are required to consult and follow those requirements. Assignments must be submitted to our course website for plagiarism checking. Assignment due dates are specified in the lecture and reading schedule below. **Late assignments will incur a penalty of 2 marks per day**, up to a maximum of one week. After seven (7) days, the assignment will not be accepted and receive a mark of zero. Late assignments will not be appended with comments. Assignments are never accepted via email. **Extensions are never granted the day an assignment is due.** Extenuating circumstances will be considered provided students seek academic accommodation if/when necessary; see the Appendix (below).

**Midterm:** The Midterm test will ask students to compose two, focused, directed-learning essays. This will be released for a 48-hour period and is due no later than **Friday, October 30.**

**Final Exam:** A combination of short answer and essay questions. The exam will be cumulative and will be written during the December examination period. While this is classified as an alternative assessment (i.e. the exam will not be held synchronously, but will adopt a take-home format, the Office of the Registrar will be scheduling date and time (TBD).

**Participation:** Students have the opportunity to participate in the course via two options: Option 1: Synchronously (date and time TBD) via Zoom OR Option 2: Asynchronously via the online Forum (due Fridays at 11:55pm). Regardless of the option chosen, tasks will include discussion, large and small group, and close-reading analysis. Students will have the choice to choose either stream at the start of the course, but can reevaluate their choice after Week 6. If choosing Option 1, students are expected to come to class prepared, having read assigned materials, in order to participate meaningfully. Complete details of student responsibilities regarding the participation grade will be outlined in the first week of classes via an introductory Zoom class held on **Wednesday, September 9 from 2:30-3:30pm** (i.e. our first regularly scheduled class). Note that both learning styles present their own set of challenges alongside their strengths. Students who choose to attend Zoom classes agree to be on camera for the duration of the class. Zoom classes will not be recorded. Creating and maintaining class community connections are important. Students are, therefore, encouraged to attend class even if they choose to be evaluated via the OWL Forum.

**NOTE.** If students miss class, virtual or otherwise, they are not entitled to Academic Accommodation regarding the Attendance and Participation grade. This particular grade registers only students' presence in class and their participation. If students are absent from class, for whatever reason, attendance and participation grades will decline. Extenuating circumstances will be considered, but students must first consult with me.

#### **PLAGIARISM**

There is zero tolerance for plagiarism in this course.

Students must write their assignments in their own words. This is imperative given the online environment. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage, from another author, in this case including from course notes (sources will be detailed), they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing in the form of citations. This includes Internet sources. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

**Statement of Academic Integrity (to be added to all assignments submitted through OWL):** In submitting work for credit in English 2228F, I pledge that I have neither given nor received help on this assignment. My submission indicates that I have completed the assignment with academic honesty (e.g. not sharing anything with others who may be taking some version of it, or engaging in any form of cheating). I also acknowledge that any confirmed act of dishonesty that violates academic integrity rules will result in appropriate sanctions as outlined in the University Scholastic Discipline policy ranging from reprimand to expulsion from the University.

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#### **Plagiarism checking:**

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism-detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

#### **SCHEDULE OF CLASSES (tentative until confirmed)**

**Week 1**      Introduction

	Wednesday, Sept. 9	Course presentation: readings, objectives, assignments, participation, etc. Course texts
<b>Week 2</b>	<u>The Divine vs. The Grotesque Body</u>	
	Monday, Sept. 14	Pre-Renaissance; Gothic art; Norse & Old English Traditions Chaucer & His World: The Knight's Prologue and Tale; The Miller's Prologue and Tale Optional: Shakespeare, <i>Two Noble Kinsmen</i>
	Wednesday, Sept. 16	Arthurian Romance: Thomas Malory, <i>Le Morte D'Arthur</i>
<b>Week 3</b>	<u>Medieval Allegory</u>	
	Monday, Sept. 21	Guillaume de Lorris & Jean de Meun, <i>Le Roman de la Rose</i>
	Wednesday, Sept. 23	Guillaume de Lorris & Jean de Meun, <i>Le Roman de la Rose</i>
<b>Week 4</b>	<u>Fun, Games, and Punishment</u>	
	Monday, Sept. 28	Medieval Morality Plays: Anonymous, <i>Everyman</i>
	Wednesday, Sept. 30	Marie de France, <i>Bisclavret</i> <b>Passage Analysis (Perusall) (2.5%)</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<u>Chronicling Kings</u>	
	Monday, Oct. 5	Holinshed's <i>Chronicles of England, Scotland, and Ireland</i>
	Wednesday, Oct. 7	William Shakespeare, <i>Richard III</i>
<b>Week 6</b>	<u>Carnival</u>	
	Monday, Oct. 12	François Rabelais, <i>Gargantua et son fils Pantagruel</i>
	Wednesday, Oct. 14	François Rabelais, <i>Gargantua et son fils Pantagruel</i> Hieronymus Bosch, <i>The Garden of Earthly Delights</i> <b>Performance Analysis Blogpost due (10%)</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<u>Plague</u>	
	Monday, Oct. 19	The Black Death; Giovanni Boccaccio, <i>The Decameron</i>
	Wednesday, Oct. 21	Thomas Dekker's Plague Pamphlets: <i>The Wonderfull Yeare</i> Antonin Artaud, <i>The Theatre and the Plague</i>
<b>Week 8</b>	<u>Test</u>	
	Monday, Oct. 26	<b>Midterm Exam (10%)</b>
	Wednesday, Oct. 28	<b>due Friday, October 30</b>
<b>Fall Reading Week: November 1-8 (no classes)</b>		
<b>Week 9</b>	<u>Rebirth</u>	
	Monday, Nov. 9	Rebirth: The Italian Masters John Donne: <i>Songs and Sonnets; Holy Sonnets</i>
	Wednesday, Nov. 11	George Herbert; Andrew Marvell, "To His Coy Mistress" Margaret Cavendish, "The Motion of the Blood"; "Of the Theme of Love" <b>Passage Analysis (Perusall) (2.5%)</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<u>Royals and Pastorals</u>	
	Monday, Nov. 16	Edmund Spenser, <i>The Faerie Queene</i> (Book 1) Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, "Sonnet to Elizabeth"

Wednesday, Nov. 18 Christopher Marlowe, “The Passionate Shepherd to His Love” & Sir Walter Raleigh, “The Nymph’s Reply to the Shepherd”

**Week 11** Jacobean Theatre of Cruelty

Monday, Nov. 23 Thomas Middleton and William Rowley, *The Changeling*  
Wednesday, Nov. 25 John Ford, *'Tis Pity She's a Whore*  
**Research Essay due (25%)**

**Week 12** Paradise Lost

Monday, Nov. 31 John Milton, *Paradise Lost*  
Wednesday, Dec. 2 John Milton, *Paradise Lost*

**Week 13** Restoration

Monday, Dec. 7 Theater: Mary Pix  
John Wilmot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Rochester, *Sodom, or the Quintessence of Debauchery*  
Wednesday, Dec. 9 Wilmot, “Imperfect Enjoyment” & Aphra Behn, “The Disappointment”  
Epistles & Diaries: Samuel Pepys  
Course recap and Exam prep  
**Last day to submit and present Creative Assignment (10%)**  
**Final Exam (25%) Date TDB**



**Appendix to Course Outlines: Academic Policies & Regulations 2020 - 2021**

**Prerequisite and Antirequisite Information**

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that they have not completed any course antirequisites. Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enrol in it without them, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. If you enrol in this course despite having already taken an antirequisite you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. Removals for these reasons may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites or for having already taken the antirequisites.

**Conduct of Students in Classes, Lectures, and Seminars**

Membership in the community of Huron University College and Western University implies acceptance by every student of the principle of respect for the rights, responsibilities, dignity and well-being of others and a readiness to support an environment conducive to the intellectual and personal growth of all who study, work and live within it. Upon registration, students assume the responsibilities that such registration entails. The academic and social privileges granted to each student are conditional upon the fulfillment of these responsibilities.

While in the physical classroom or online classroom, students are expected to behave in a manner that supports the learning environment of others. Students can avoid any unnecessary disruption of the class by arriving in sufficient time and ready for the start of the class, by remaining silent while the professor is speaking or another student has the floor, and by taking care of personal needs prior to the start of class. If a student is late, or knows that he/she will have to leave class

early, be courteous: enter and leave quietly. Please see the Code of Student Conduct at: [www.huronuc.on.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct.pdf](http://www.huronuc.on.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct.pdf).

### **Technology**

It is not appropriate to use technology (such as, but not limited to, laptops, cell phones) in the classroom for non-classroom activities. Such activity is disruptive and distracting to other students and to the instructor, and can inhibit learning. Students are expected to respect the classroom environment and to refrain from inappropriate use of technology and other electronic devices in class.

### **Adding / Dropping Courses**

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your workload is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor. If you are considering reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines. Please refer to the Huron website, <https://huronatwestern.ca/academic-advising> or review the list of official Sessional Dates on the Academic Calendar, available here: <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm>.

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP and/or Scholarship/Bursary eligibility.

### **Class Cancellations**

In the event of a cancellation of class, every effort will be made to post all relevant information on the OWL class site and on the Huron website at, <https://huronatwestern.ca/about/accessibility>.

### **Attendance Regulations for Examinations**

A student is entitled to be examined in courses in which registration is maintained, subject to the following limitations:

- 1) A student may be debarred from writing the final examination for failure to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year.
- 2) Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty offering the course will communicate that decision to the Dean of the Faculty of registration.

Please see the policy on Attendance Regulations for Examinations here:

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/exam/attendance.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/attendance.pdf).

### **Academic Student Support Services**

For advice on course selections, degree requirements, and for assistance with requests for medical accommodation, students should email an Academic Advisor in Huron's Student Support Services at [huronsss@uwo.ca](mailto:huronsss@uwo.ca). An outline of the range of services offered is found on the Huron website at: <https://huronatwestern.ca/academic-advising>.

Department Chairs, Program Directors and Coordinators are also able to answer questions about individual programs. Contact information can be found on the Huron website at: <https://huronatwestern.ca/contact/contact-directory>.

### **Copyright Regarding Course Material**

Lectures and course materials, including PowerPoint presentations, tests, outlines, and similar materials are protected by copyright. Faculty members are the exclusive owner of copyright in those materials they create. Students may take notes and make copies for their own use. Students may not allow others to reproduce or distribute lecture notes and course materials publicly (whether or not a fee is charged) without the express written consent of a faculty member. Similarly, students own copyright in their own original papers and exam essays. If a faculty member is interested in posting a student's answers or papers on the course website he/she should ask for the student's written permission.

### **Statement on Academic Integrity**

The International Centre for Academic Integrity defines academic integrity as "a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. From these values flow principles of behaviour that enable academic communities to translate ideals to action." (CAI Fundamental Values Project, 1999).

A lack of academic integrity is indicated by such behaviours as the following:

- Cheating on tests;
- Fraudulent submissions online;
- Plagiarism in papers submitted (including failure to cite and piecing together unattributed sources);
- Unauthorized resubmission of course work to a different course;
- Helping someone else cheat;
- Unauthorized collaboration;
- Fabrication of results or sources;
- Purchasing work and representing it as one's own.

### **Academic Integrity: Importance and Impact**

Being at university means engaging with a variety of communities in the pursuit and sharing of knowledge and understanding in ways that are clear, respectful, efficient, and productive. University communities have established norms of academic integrity to ensure responsible, honest, and ethical behavior in the academic work of the university, which is best done when sources of ideas are properly and fully acknowledged and when responsibility for ideas is fully and accurately represented.

In the academic sphere, unacknowledged use of another's work or ideas is not only an offence against the community of scholars, it is also an obstacle to academic productivity. It may also be understood as fraud and may constitute an infringement of legal copyright.

A university is a place for fulfilling one's potential and challenging oneself, and this means rising to challenges rather than finding ways around them. The achievements in an individual's university studies can only be fairly evaluated quantitatively through true and honest representation of the actual learning done by the student. Equity in assessment for all students is ensured through fair representation of the efforts by each.

Acting with integrity at university constitutes a good set of practices for maintaining integrity in later life. Offences against academic integrity are therefore taken very seriously as part of the university's work in preparing students to serve, lead, and innovate in the world at large.

A university degree is a significant investment of an individual's, and the public's, time, energies, and resources in the future, and habits of academic integrity protect that investment by preserving the university's reputation and ensuring public confidence in higher education.

**Students found guilty of plagiarism will suffer consequences ranging from a grade reduction, to failure in the course, to expulsion from the university. In addition, a formal letter documenting the offence will be filed in the Dean's Office, and this record of the offence will be retained in the Dean's Office for the duration of the student's academic career at Huron University College.**

### **Statement on Academic Offences**

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, as per the Academic Calendar:

[http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading\\_189](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading_189) .

### **Turnitin.com**

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<https://www.turnitin.com/>).

### **Computer-Marked Tests/exams**

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

### **Clickers**

Personal Response Systems (“clickers”) may be used in some classes. If clickers are to be used in a class, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the device is activated and functional. Students must see their instructor if they have any concerns about whether the clicker is malfunctioning. Students must use only their own clicker. If clicker records are used to compute a portion of the course grade:

- the use of somebody else’s clicker in class constitutes a scholastic offence
- the possession of a clicker belonging to another student will be interpreted as an attempt to commit a scholastic offence.

### **Academic Accommodation for Students With Disabilities**

Students who require **special** accommodation for tests and/or other course components must make the appropriate arrangements with the Student Development Centre (SDC). Further details concerning policies and procedures may be found at: <http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/>.

Please review the full policy at,

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/Academic%20Accommodation\\_disabilities.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic%20Accommodation_disabilities.pdf).

### **Academic Consideration for Missed Work**

Students who are seeking academic consideration for missed work during the semester may submit a self-reported absence form online provided that the absence is 48 hours or less and the other conditions specified in the Senate policy at [https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/Academic\\_Consideration\\_for\\_absences.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic_Consideration_for_absences.pdf) are met.

Students whose absences are expected to last longer than 48 hours, or where the other conditions detailed in the policy are not met (e.g., work is worth more than 30% of the final grade, the student has already used 2 self-reported absences, the absence is during the final exam period), may receive academic consideration by submitting a Student Medical Certificate (for illness) or other appropriate documentation (for compassionate grounds). The Student Medical Certificate is available online at

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf).

All students pursuing academic consideration, regardless of type, must contact their instructors no less than 24 hours following the end of the period of absence to clarify how they will be expected to fulfill the academic responsibilities missed during their absence. **Students are reminded that they should consider carefully the implications of postponing tests or midterm exams or delaying submission of work, and are encouraged to make appropriate decisions based on their specific circumstances.**

Students who have conditions for which academic accommodation is appropriate, such as disabilities or ongoing or chronic health conditions, should work with Accessible Education Services to determine appropriate forms of accommodation.

### **Requests for Academic Consideration Using the Self-Reported Absence Form**

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance (48 hours or less) that is sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements (e.g., attending lectures or labs, writing tests or midterm exams, completing and submitting assignments, participating in presentations) should self-declare using the online Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours or less.

Please note the following conditions that are in place for self-reporting of medical or extenuating circumstances:

- Students will be allowed a **maximum of two self-reported absences** between September and April and one self-reported absence between May and August;
- Any absences in excess of the number designated in clause a above, regardless of duration, will require students to present a **Student Medical Certificate (SMC)**, signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner, detailing the duration and severity of illness, or appropriate documentation supporting extenuating circumstances

to the Academic Counselling unit in their Faculty of registration no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities.

- Self-reported absences will not be allowed for scheduled final examinations; for midterm examinations scheduled during the December examination period; or for final lab examinations scheduled during the final week of term.
- Self-reporting may not be used for assessments (e.g. midterm exams, tests, reports, presentations, or essays) worth more than 30% of any given course.
- Students must be in touch with their instructors **no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by the Self-Reported Absence form**, to clarify how they will be expected to fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence.

Please review the full policy at, [https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/accommodation\\_illness.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_illness.pdf).

### **Policy on “Academic” Accommodation - Medical / Non-Medical Grounds**

- (a) **Medical Grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of final grade: Go directly to Huron Support Services/ Academic Advising, or email [huronsss@uwo.ca](mailto:huronsss@uwo.ca).**

University Senate policy, which can be found at,

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/accommodation\\_medical.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf), requires that all student requests for accommodation on medical grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of the final grade be made directly to the academic advising office of the home faculty (for Huron students, the “home faculty” is Huron), with supporting documentation in the form (minimally) of the Senate-approved Student Medical Certificate found at: [https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf).

The documentation is submitted in confidence and will not be shown to instructors. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation.

The instructor will not normally deny accommodation where appropriate medical documentation is in place and where the duration it describes aligns with the due date(s) of assignment(s). Before denying a request for accommodation on medical grounds, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor’s decision is appealable to the Dean.

- (b) **Accommodation on Medical Grounds for assignments worth *less than 10%* of final grade: Consult Instructor Directly**

When seeking accommodation on medical grounds for assignments worth less than 10% of the final course grade, the student should contact the instructor directly. The student need only share broad outlines of the medical situation. The instructor **may** require the student to submit documentation to the academic advisors, in which case she or he will advise the student and inform the academic advisors to expect documentation. The instructor may **not** collect medical documentation. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation.

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- (c) **Non-Medical Grounds: Consult Huron Support Services/ Academic Advising**

Where the grounds for seeking accommodation are not medical (e.g. varsity sports, religious, compassionate, bereavement) the student should contact an academic advisor directly. All accommodation requests must include a completed [Accommodation Request Form](#). Late penalties may apply at the discretion of the instructor.

Where a student seeks accommodation on non-medical grounds where confidentiality is a concern, the student should approach an academic advisor with any documentation available. The advisors will contact the instructor after the student's request is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the challenge without breaching confidence. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified that significant circumstances are affecting or have affected the student's ability to complete work, and the student will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation. Before denying a request for accommodation where documentation has been submitted to an academic advisor, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor's decision is appealable to the Dean.

### **Mental Health & Wellness Support at Huron and Western**

University students may encounter setbacks from time to time that can impact academic performance. Huron offers a variety of services that are here to support your success and wellbeing. Please visit <https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life-campus/student-services/wellness-safety> for more information or contact staff directly:

Wellness Services: [huronwellness@huron.uwo.ca](mailto:huronwellness@huron.uwo.ca)

Community Safety Office: [safety@huron.uwo.ca](mailto:safety@huron.uwo.ca)

Chaplaincy: [gthorne@huron.uwo.ca](mailto:gthorne@huron.uwo.ca)

Additional supports for Health and Wellness may be found and accessed at Western through, [www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/](http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/).

### **Important Dates & Directory**

For a current and up-to-date list of important dates and campus directories, please visit:

- **Huron – Important Dates:** <https://huronuc.ca/important-dates-and-deadlines>
- **Academic Calendar & Sessional Dates:** <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm>
- **Huron Directory – Faculty, Staff and Administration:** <https://huronuc.ca/index.php/contact/contact-directory>
- **Western Directory – Faculty, Staff and Administration:** <https://www.uwo.ca/directory.html>