

## The Interpretation of Literature (Fall 2020)

Instructor: **McGann, Maddison**  
 Subject: **ENGL**  
 Catalog & Section: **1200 0046**  
 Course ID: **ENGL:1200:0046**  
 Objectives:

Enrollment: **22**  
 Responses Incl Declines: **9**  
 Declines: **0**

### Instructor

Question	Number of Responses	Response Rate	Course Mean	Dept. Mean	Course Median	Dept. Median
Organization—The instructor used class time well	9	40%	6.00	5.34	6.00	5.70
Clarity - The instructor communicated course material clearly	9	40%	5.78	5.28	5.90	5.60
Learning Focused - The instructor's teaching methods helped students learn	9	40%	5.78	5.25	5.90	5.60

Note: -1:N/A - Not Applicable; 1:Strongly Disagree (1); 2:2; 3:3; 4:4; 5:5; 6:Strongly Agree (6);

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Learning Materials—The assignments, readings, and activities facilitated student learning	9	40%	5.89	5.27	5.90	5.60
Assessment— Assessments (such as quizzes, papers, and exams) aligned with course objectives	9	40%	5.89	5.41	5.90	5.70
Support—Help was available for students	9	40%	6.00	5.50	6.00	5.80

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### Overall (Open Ended) (25 comments)

#### Q: What aspects of the course were most useful for your learning?

- 1 Discussion in class.
- 2 The contextualization Maddie did before we began discussing a novel/reading. She always gave us a powerpoint with information on what was happening during the time period of our reading, and it gave a lot more meaning to the texts. This also opened up more for discussion during class because we could dive deeper into our analysis.
- 3 The wide variety of material used and the efforts to engage the students during class. The way discussion was lead was the most helpful out of all of my classes. The positive attitude in the classroom helped make me feel comfortable 100% of the time.
- 4 The involvements were a lot of fun
- 5 Discussions were thought provoking and fun.
- 6 Everything. She is so organized, energetic, and excited about us succeeding. Truly one of the best profs I have had at the university. All of the content she taught us was meaningful and beneficial.
- 7 discussions about most recent readings
- 8 I really enjoyed the books that we read this semester.
- 9 This semester was the first semester that was on Zoom and Maddison had a great set up to accommodate to the the pandemic. Her teaching structure was easy to follow and she made the conversation about the text intriguing and followed well. I enjoyed how she paired text with film to show similarities between different medias.

#### Q: When this class is taught again, what changes would you suggest?

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1 N/A

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2 Because it was an online class, I know it is more difficult to get interaction between peers. However, if everything is still online maybe doing breakout groups more often and letting us discuss among ourselves so we can meet each other.

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3 I don't think Ms. McGann needs to change a single thing. If anything the stress of participation sometimes made the class more difficult to concentrate in but overall pushed me to work harder and improve.

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4 Sometimes writing pages of analysis of short pieces is difficult, especially when the analysis is longer than that piece. I found this particularly difficult with the Major Paper One. Really takes a longer piece for me to produce that many pages.

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5 NONE. Class was amazing and super enjoyable.

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6 n/a

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7 none

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8 Only have 2 major assignments.

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**Q: What else would you like the instructor to know about your experience in this course?**

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1 I enjoyed taking this class and really appreciated Maddison putting us as a priority.

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2 This was my favorite class this semester, and Maddie was my favorite professor! She was very understanding about everyone's situations given the current environment. Also, she really encouraged everyone to participate and learn a lot about writing and analyzing texts. I am not an english major but I will definitely be able to appreciate reading more and be able to write more efficiently after this class.

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3 She was by far my best teacher I've had in college. She was beyond considerate without being a pushover. She found a way to create the perfect happy medium for her students. She had such a great approach to getting the knowledge across to her students. I have never heard any complaints about her. Very thoughtful and informative. I've bragged to many of my friends about the teaching techniques used in this class and they all were jealous of how you taught the class.

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4 Excellent selection of literature. Top notch. Unique and diverse. I thought I would be bored with the era focused on and the subject, neither the industrial era or technology seemed exciting but both proven to be as we got deeper into the readings and the course.

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5 Thank you for working so hard to make this semester fun and productive. Going to miss this class and you!

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7 Thank you for everything this semester!

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8 I really enjoyed the longer books picked for class and the discussions over the books were always fun to be apart of.