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English 320, Major Authors: Jane Austen (online)

Catalog Description: Intensive and critical reading of a major author with attention to cultural contexts

Prerequisites: ENL 258; English Majors, Minors, Liberal Arts English Concentrations, or permission of instructor

Texts: We'll be reading Austen's six novels in this order if you want to get started early.

Northanger Abbey (9780141439792)

Sense and Sensibility (9780141439662)

Pride and Prejudice (9780141439518)

Mansfield Park (9780141439808)

Emma (9780141439587)

Persuasion (9780141439686)

Other editions should be fine if you already have copies. Links to free online editions of the novels are included in our myCourses site. We'll also read several supplementary texts for historical and cultural contexts and for the research paper (all provided online).

Requirements: Barring genuinely unforeseeable emergencies (the kind that normally generate written evidence), no missed work may be made up and no late work will be accepted. Your grade for the course will be based on five components:

- 1) six quizzes on the readings (5% each, so 30% of your total course grade)
- 2) six class discussions (5% each, so 30% of your total course grade)
- 3) one short creative writing project (1200–1500 words): you will create an original episode in Austen's style, and read and respond to your classmates' narratives (10%)
- 4) one short research paper (2500–3000 words), including a complete draft, peer reviews, and a final version; all research materials are provided in our myCourses site (20%)
- 5) one essay examination (10%)