

HONS 3199: William Faulkner's Short Stories  
Fall 2018 T 1-1:50 PM  
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### Course Description and Requirements

Famed for his work as a novelist, the Mississippi-born William Faulkner was an equally accomplished writer of short fiction. He once described the short story as "the most demanding form after poetry," and this course will examine twelve of his forty-two collected stories to see the various ways in which he met those demands. Course requirements include five in-class quizzes, worth ten points each; students will also keep a formal, ongoing reading journal of responses to course assignments and issues (worth fifty points), which will be due near the end of the semester and returned during the final regular class period.

Please note that you must complete all of the required work for the course and that failure to do so will result in failure of the course.

You cannot hope to pass the course if you do not attend it.

I do not accept late work or issue grades of Incomplete.

All cases of academic dishonesty will be referred to the University's judiciary officer for adjudication and punishment. Penalties for plagiarism, cheating, collusion, falsifying academic records, and other instances of crimes against the scholarly community include failure of the assignment in question, failure of the course, and expulsion from the University. Students are expected to know the University's policies and procedures on such matters, as well as those governing student services, conduct, and obligations.

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Texts: Available at the UTD Bookstore, Off-Campus Books, and commercially:

William Faulkner, *Collected Stories* (Random House; Vintage edition)

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Syllabus

21 August: Course introduction and Faulkner chronology

28 August: "Barn Burning"

4 September: "Shingles for the Lord"; quiz

11 September: "Centaur in Brass"

18 September: "That Evening Sun"; quiz

25 September: "Red Leaves"

2 October: "A Courtship"; quiz

9 October: "Turnabout"

16 October: "All the Dead Pilots"; quiz

23 October: "Wash"

30 October: "Golden Land"; quiz

6 November: "The Leg"

13 November: "Carcassonne"

20 November: Fall break

27 November: Reading journals due in class

4 December: Reading journals returned during class time

## HONS 3199: Faulkner Chronology

- 1897: William Cuthbert Falkner born 25 September in New Albany, Mississippi, first of four children to Maud and Murry Falkner
- 1902: Family moves to Oxford, Mississippi
- 1903: Meets Lida Estelle Oldham
- 1918: Estelle marries Cornell Franklin; William joins the Royal Air Force; adds u to last name; after RAF discharge, returns to Oxford in uniform, with fake limp
- 1919: First published poem, "L'Apres-Midi d'un Faune," in *The New Republic*; first published short story, "Landing in Luck," in *The Mississippian*
- 1921: Takes job as postmaster of Ole Miss post office
- 1924: *The Marble Faun* (poetry); resigns post office job
- 1926: *Soldiers' Pay* (novel)
- 1927: *Mosquitoes* (novel)
- 1929: *Sartoris* (novel); *The Sound and the Fury* (novel); Estelle Franklin divorced in April; Estelle and Faulkner marry in June
- 1930: *As I Lay Dying* (novel); buys Rowan Oak
- 1931: Daughter Alabama born prematurely, lives nine days; *Sanctuary* (novel); *These 13* (stories)
- 1932: *Light in August* (novel); Faulkner to MGM as screenwriter
- 1933: *A Green Bough* (poetry); daughter Jill born; Faulkner earns pilot's license
- 1934: *Doctor Martino and Other Stories*
- 1935: *Pylon* (novel); brother Dean killed in plane crash
- 1936: *Absalom, Absalom!* (novel)
- 1938: *The Unvanquished* (novel)
- 1939: *The Wild Palms/If I Forget Thee, Jerusalem* (novel)
- 1940: *The Hamlet* (novel)
- 1942: *Go Down, Moses* (novel)
- 1945: Writes "1699-1945 The Compsons" for Viking *Portable Faulkner*
- 1948: *Intruder in the Dust* (novel)
- 1949: *Knight's Gambit* (stories)
- 1950: *Collected Stories*; Faulkner awarded 1949 Nobel Prize for Literature, which he accepts on 10 December
- 1951: *Requiem for a Nun* (novel)
- 1954: *A Fable* (novel)
- 1957: Becomes writer-in-residence at University of Virginia; *The Town* (novel)
- 1959: *The Mansion* (novel)
- 1962: *The Reivers* (novel); Faulkner dies 6 July