Course Enhancement Rationale

**Course Dept/Number:** Engl 474  
**Instructor:** Morrison  
**Total Credits:** 04

**Course Name:** British Romantic Literature  
**Gen Ed Cr:** X Yes or □ No

Indicate which enhancement(s) will be used for this course by checking the appropriate box.

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1. Describe the enhancement(s) for this course. Discuss how this enhanced course will differ from the current 3 credit course. Especially address what makes it a more rigorous, focused and engaging learning experience.

This course requires students to do a lot of reading and writing, and I have increased both activities in order to enhance this course. I have added two novels to the class (about 600 additional pages), which students will be required to read independently and then to write about. So there are 10 additional written pages required too. My courses are all discussion based; students write every class period. Students are required to bring three critical questions reflecting on the assigned reading to each class. They will also be required to attend movie screenings outside of class and to respond in writing to these (4-6 pages). The course will be more rigorous in its demands upon the students’ grasp of materials; the expansion of reading will also make the class more thorough, while the multi-media requirements will increase and diversify students’ engagement. The additional myclasses assigned discussion forums will also
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require further writing and reading of the students, as well as engage them with a different technology of learning.

2. Discuss what the faculty member will do to provide appropriate guidance and feedback for the enhancement activity.

I will be (as stated on my syllabus) happy to meet with students and discuss their writing at any point in the semester prior to the work being submitted for a grade. I am also, of course, happy to meet with them to discuss their graded work too. I provide individual assignment instruction sheets for all written work, considering purpose, audience, formatting, and giving the students evaluative guidelines to help them craft their work. I always keep my posted office hours and am happy to meet with students at other mutually convenient times. I will also conduct an informal and anonymous midterm evaluation soliciting their concerns/opinions about the enhanced aspects of the class.

3. Discuss the estimated time expected for students to complete the enhancement (COMAR requires approximately 45 hours per 1 credit):

I have increased the reading load for the class by well over 600 pages from what I would normally expect students to read in a three credit class, thus adding approximately 18 hours of additional reading time. Students are expected to prepare critical questions for every class period (which I will review in/after class), amounting to approximately 10 extra hours of critical thinking and writing. I am also asking the students to view two movies (5 hours) and to write a 2-3 page response to each (6 hours of writing). They are also expected to read and engage in online discussion sessions (6 hours).

4. Discuss how the enhancement will be assessed.

The enhancement will be assessed throughout the semester; I expect the additional readings and writing will encourage students’ more active engagement in the materials at hand. I can assess such engagement through the daily class discussions as well as through review of the papers. The students’ pre-prepared discussion questions should illuminate their engagement with the texts at hand; the additional outside reading should be evident within our classes and their papers. I will conduct an informal and anonymous midterm evaluation that will include questions geared particularly toward the enhancements in the class; I will use their responses to make any pertinent adjustments for the second half of the semester. My instructor’s question on the end of the semester evaluations will also address the enhancement aspects of the class particularly.

Dispositions: All subcategories, since students will read materials from diverse cultures and will come to a deeper understanding of the world(s) around them and the ways in which their interactions with it influence it.
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In order to pass this class each undergraduate student must turn in two papers and complete two exams.

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Writing
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Attendance and Participation
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3. Including in a paper someone else’s original ideas, opinions, or research results without attribution.
4. Paraphrasing without attribution.
5. Turning the same paper in for credit in more than one class.

A few changes in wording do not make a passage your property. As a precaution, if you are in doubt, cite the source. Moreover, if you have gone to the trouble to investigate secondary sources, you should give yourself credit for having done so by citing those sources in your essay and by providing a list of Works Cited at the essay’s conclusion. In any case, failure to provide proper attribution could result in a severe penalty and is never worth the risk.
Grades

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Tu 6: Contexts: Women and Society (100-114)
Th 8: Blake’s Songs of Innocence (36-39)

Tu 13: Songs of Experience (40-44)
Th15: Burns’s “To a Mouse” (116), “A Man’s A Man for A’ That” (125); Baillie’s “Song: Woo’d and Married and A’” (140)

Tu 20: Wordsworth’s Preface to Lyrical Ballads (202), “We Are Seven” (194), “The Thorn” (195)

Tu 27: *Sense and Sensibility* (Volume One)
Th 1: *Sense and Sensibility* (Volume Two)

Tu 6: *Sense and Sensibility* (Volume Three); **First Paper Due**
Th 8: *Sense and Sensibility*

Tu 13: *Confessions of an English Opium Eater*
Th 15: MIDTERM

**SPRING BREAK**

Tu 27: *The Prelude*—excerpts (241-54), “Lines Written A Few Miles Above Tintern Abbey” (200)
Th 29: **NO CLASS** (I’m attending a conference)

Tu 3: “Ode: Intimations of Immortality” (375-80); Coleridge’s “Dejection: An Ode” (507-11)
Th 5: “Kubla Khan” (328), “Frost at Midnight” (302), “This Lime Tree Bower” (315)

Tu 10: *Rime of the Ancient Mariner* (305)
Th 12: *Christabel* (316), *Biographia Literaria* (337 [right hand column] to 344))

Tu 17: Byron’s “She Walks in Beauty” (528), “When We Two Parted” (529), “Darkness” (530); *Don Juan* (536-49)
Th 19: P. B. Shelley’s “To Wordsworth” (614); “Sonnet” (643), “England in 1819” (652) (graduate paper two due)

Tu 24: Mont Blanc” (624), “Mask of Anarchy” (644), “To a Skylark” (630)
Th 26: *A Defense of Poetry* (652), “Ode to the West Wind” (628)

Tu 1: Hemans’s “Woman and Fame” (686), “Casabianca” (680); Landon’s “Lines Written” (792), “Revenge” (796), and “Lines of Life” (794)
Th 3: Keats’s “Eve of St. Agnes” (710), “La Belle Dame Sans Merci” (716-17)

Tu 8: “Ode to Psyche” (718), “Ode to a Nightingale” (719), “Ode on a Grecian Urn” (720)

Tu 15: **FINAL PAPER DUE.** Catch Up and Review

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Enhancement Statement

This class, along with most English classes this semester, is a four-credit enhanced course, rather than a traditional three-credit course. Different English classes will be enhanced in different ways; in this class students will be required to do more, and more in-depth, reading, and more writing than they would be required to do in a comparable three-credit course. This extra work will require approximately three hours per week outside of class. (This is in addition to six hours of outside of class work per week that students are expected to do in a three-credit class.) These additional requirements will be demanding, but the English Department is making these changes because we believe that our students will receive a better English education by taking fewer classes and focusing more on each class.
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Th 18: NO CLASS (I’m attending a conference)

Tu 23: “Ode: Intimations of Immortality” (375-80); Coleridge’s “Dejection: An Ode” (507-11)
Th 25: “Kubla Khan” (328), “Frost at Midnight” (302), “This Lime Tree Bower” (315)

Tu 30: Rime of the Ancient Mariner (305)
Th 1: Christabel (316), Biographia Literaria (337 [right hand column] to 344)

Tu 6: Byron’s “She Walks in Beauty” (528), “When We Two Parted” (529), “Darkness”
(530); Don Juan (536-49)  Myclasses group
Th 8: P. B. Shelley’s “To Wordsworth” (614); “Sonnet” (643), “England in 1819” (652)
(graduate paper two due)

Tu 13: Mont Blanc” (624), “Mask of Anarchy” (644), “To a Skylark” (630)
Th 15: A Defense of Poetry (652), “Ode to the West Wind” (628); Frankenstein paper due

Tu 20: Hemans’s “Woman and Fame” (686), “Casabianca” (680); Landon’s “Lines Written”
(792), “Revenge” (796), and “Lines of Life” (794)  Movie Evening (2-3 pg. Response)
Th 22: THANKSGIVING

Tu 27: Keats’s “Eve of St. Agnes” (710), “La Belle Dame Sans Merci” (716-17)
Th 29: “Ode to Psyche” (718), “Ode to a Nightingale” (719), “Ode on a Grecian Urn” (720)

Th 4:  “Ode on Melancholy” (721), “Ode on Indolence” (722), “To Autumn” (723)

Tu 6: FINAL PAPER DUE. Catch Up and Review  FINAL EXAM: TBA