

English 374-001: U.S Literature: Modernism
Course Outline and Schedule of Assignments
Fall 2019
Professor Bryant Mangum

A. Course Outline

I. Country, Small Town, and City Life: Foreshadowing the Wasteland
Winesburg, Ohio (Anderson)
The Waste Land (Eliot)

II. The American Dream: The Old World and the New
The Great Gatsby (Fitzgerald)
The Professor's House (Cather)

III. The Death of Romantic Love
The Sun Also Rises (Hemingway)

IV. Search for the Lost Eden
Cane (Toomer; selections tba)

V. Modern Man and The Myth Perverted
"The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" (Eliot)
The Waste Land revisited (Eliot; selected parts tba)

VI. The Dark Night of the Soul
The Sound and the Fury (Faulkner)

B. Schedule of Assignments

Week One (20, 22 August)

Course Introduction

Context for *Winesburg, Ohio* (Anderson) and "Book of the Grotesque" (from *Winesburg*)

Week Two (27, 29 August)

from *Winesburg, Ohio* (Anderson) : "Hands," "Paper Pills,"
"Philosopher" "Nobody Knows," "Adventure,"

Week Three (3, 5 September)

"Strength of God," "Teacher," "Sophistication"

"Departure" (*Winesburg*); overview and parts of *The Waste Land* (parts tba)

Week Four (10, 12 September)

The Great Gatsby (Fitzgerald)

Week Five (17, 19 September)

The Great Gatsby

The Great Gatsby and prepare for Hour Test #1, which is on Tuesday,

Week Six (24, 26 September)

Tuesday: Hour Test #1 to include *Winesburg, Ohio*, parts of *The Waste Land* (tba), and
The Great Gatsby,

Begin *The Professor's House* (Cather)

Week Seven (1, 3 October)

The Professor's House

Week Eight (8, 10 October)

The Sun Also Rises (Hemingway)

Week Nine (15, 17 October)

The Sun Also Rises

Friday, the 18th : Reading Day

Week Ten (22, 24 October)

from *Cane* (Toomer): "Karintha," Becky," "Fern"

"Esther," Rhobert," "Calling Jesus"

Week Eleven (29, 31 October)

from *Cane*: "Carma," "Blood-Burning Moon,"

"Avey"; Review for Test #2

Last day to withdraw without penalty: Friday, 1 November

Week Twelve (5, 7 November)

Tuesday: **HOOR TEST #2: Tuesday, 5 November**, to include *The Professor's House* *The Sun Also Rises*, *Cane*,

Thursday: "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" (Eliot) and selected parts of *The Waste Land*

Week Thirteen (12, 14 November)

The Sound and the Fury (Benjy, Quentin sections)

Week Fourteen (19, 21 November)

The Sound and the Fury (Quentin and Jason sections)

Week Fifteen (26, 28 November)

Fall Break; Thanksgiving, 28 November (**No Class**)

Week Sixteen (3, 5 December)

The Sound and the Fury (Dilsey section)

Thursday, 5 December--last day of class: Review

Week Seventeen

EXAM DAY: Tuesday, 10 December, 12:30-3:20: **Final Take-home Examination**

Essay due and Hour Test #3 in class (hour test on "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"; *The Waste Land*, parts tba; and *The Sound and the Fury*; optional papers also due on this day.