



Wayland Baptist University Mission Statement: Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success and service to God and humankind.

Course Name: ENGL 5102 - Comprehensive Exam

Term and Year: Spring 2014 term, February 24 - May 17, 2014

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Class Meeting Time and Location: The Comprehensive Exam will take place near the end of the spring term, preferably on a Saturday that fits the students' schedules—possibly **Saturday, April 12**, or **Saturday, April 26**, 1:00-5:00 p.m. (April 19 is the day before Easter, so not an option). Students will meet in the Gates Hall computer lab, room 204, on the University's main/home campus in Plainview, Texas.

*If a student is unable to travel to Plainview for the exam, the student may locate an eligible proctor and an alternate site closer to the student's home location. The location, proctor, and date MUST be submitted for approval a minimum of two weeks prior to the exam date—in this case, by **Friday, March 28**, 2014. Proctors must be approved through the Virtual Campus process—see here for details and form: http://www.wbu.edu/academics/online_programs/proctor/proctorrequest.htm

Catalog Description: Written responses to a minimum of three pre-selected texts. Required of all MA in English students. May be repeated one time.

Prerequisite: Completion of all required coursework, minimum of 24 graduate English hours.

Required Textbook and Resources – All three texts/works are needed; the first two are available through the Wayland University Bookstore <http://bookstore.wbu.edu/> :

- **1. *Death of a Salesman***

by Arthur Miller
ISBN 978-0-14-048134-1
Publisher - Penguin
Binding - Paperback

- **2. *Wuthering Heights***

by Emily Bronte
ISBN 978-0-486-29256-4
Publisher - Dover
Binding - Paperback

- **3. *The Holy Sonnets***

by John Donne
Available online at
http://ebooks.gutenberg.us/DjVu_Collection/DJEDS/DONNE/SONNETS/Download.pdf

- In addition to the above texts, please bring proof of identification in the form of an **official photo ID** (such as a driver's license or military ID).
- At least one **blank flash or jump drive** is required so that student(s) may periodically save written responses throughout the course of the exam. A hard copy of the written responses must be printed and submitted once the student completes the exam. A computer, printer, and paper will be provided at the Plainview, Gates Hall, location, and must be also be available at proctor site.
 - *If completing exam at an approved site with approved proctor (both of which must be finalized a minimum of two weeks prior to the exam date), student *and* proctor will be responsible for submitting a .pdf version of the completed exam to Dr. McClenagan via email (cindym@wbu.edu) immediately upon completion. If proctor has access to WBU's ImageNow, s/he may also upload it to this site. Both an electronic and a printed version of the final submission should be maintained by proctor for at least two weeks after the completion of the exam.

Optional Materials:

- Students may choose to read secondary sources (significant journal articles or scholarly commentaries) related to the assigned texts above, but these secondary sources may not be consulted *during* the actual writing of the exam.
- *Only print versions of the primary texts/books/novels themselves may be accessed during the exam period.
- Web/Internet and/or cell phone access is also not permitted during the course of the exam.

Course outcome competencies: Upon the conclusion of this course, students actively engaged in learning at the graduate level will be able to:

1. analyze and synthesize information and/or themes, etc. located in the assigned texts
2. demonstrate mastery of writing skills
3. demonstrate the ability to write creatively and critically under time limitations
4. present a well-organized and persuasive written argument

The more the student puts into the course, the higher his or her outcome competencies will be.

Attendance Requirements: Once an agreed upon date is set (this will happen very early in the term), student(s) must commit to attending or completing the exam on the specified date at the appropriate time.

Disability Statement: "In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests at (806) 291- 3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations."

Course Requirements and Grading Criteria: As stated in the WBU Catalog:

"Comprehensive Exam (1 [credit] hour) - Students in both tracks, thesis and non-thesis, must complete a comprehensive exam one or two semesters prior to the completion of course work. The exam requires students to familiarize themselves with specific texts from the current reading list and write responses to those texts. A committee of three full-time English professors, selected by the Dean of the School and approved by the full-time faculty, read and evaluate all comprehensive exams completed in a semester.

Results of the comprehensive exam fall into three categories:

1. Pass with Distinction - student demonstrates outstanding mastery of material
2. Pass - student demonstrates mastery of material
3. Fail - student does not demonstrate mastery of material

*Students who fail the comprehensive exam on the first attempt may attempt the exam a second time in the next four terms. No student will be allowed to repeat an examination more than once without taking additional course work."

Tentative Schedule:

Monday, February 24, 2014 – Students are responsible for accessing the syllabus via Blackboard, reading and understanding the content of the syllabus, and procuring the necessary/assigned texts.

Monday, February 24 – Friday, April 25, 2014 (or the student's scheduled date of the exam)
– Students are responsible for reading and studying the three assigned texts. Students may choose to meet to discuss and prepare for the Comprehensive Exam, but no official class meetings with instructors will take place. However, if general questions concerning the exam arise, do not hesitate to contact the Dean, Dr. McClenagan, at cindym@wbu.edu or (806) 291-1106 (office).

By Friday, March 28, 2014 – Students must confirm proctor, exam location, and exam date and time by this date.

Saturday, April 12, or Saturday, April 26, 2014, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., CST – Meet in the Gates Hall Computer Lab from 1:00-5:00 to complete the exam. **(*IF an alternative location and proctor is requested, these MUST be submitted to Dr. McClenagan for approval by Friday, March 28, at the latest.** See the WBU VC "Proctor Approval Request" site for more information on proctor approval:
http://www.wbu.edu/academics/online_programs/proctor/proctorrequest.htm .)

Approximately one week following the completion of the exam: Professors/readers will submit individual evaluations of exam submissions (no names appended), scores will be averaged, and students will be informed of the results.