

To: ENG 220L-721 Literature and Gender Students
From: Professor Lisa R. Neilson
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Re: Welcome

Welcome to Literature and Gender, ENG 220L-721 24W. The course begins on Saturday, December 16, 2023 and ends Friday, January 12, 2024.

During this Winter Session, we will examine literary texts in order to study some of the social meanings of gender and how these change over time and in different cultural contexts. By the end of the session, students in this class will have a good understanding of the concepts of gender ideologies, gender inequality, and the institutionalization of gender. Please realize that we are squeezing work that is usually covered in a 15-week semester into 4 weeks. You will be earning three credits upon the completion of this course with the same quality and amount of content taught. You will need to log in often and participate frequently. A fundamental component of the course is class participation through online discussion postings. You can read more about these postings and how you will be graded on them in the course **Syllabus**.

Because this is a 4-week course, we will dive right in, exploring texts and posing questions regarding the representations of gender in various pieces of literature. You will have access to the course site on the first day of the Winter Session. At that time, please take a few moments to explore our class site. Review the **Syllabus and the Schedule of Assignments** as well as each week's page. Paying attention to details and thoroughly reading instructions are vital to your success in this course.

All of the texts will be available on our course site. **No purchased texts are required.** Please make sure you have full internet access and a working device (laptop/tablet, smartphone or computer).

You can learn more about me on our course site. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time at lisa.neilson@marist.edu or (845) 594-6725.

I look forward to working with you. I think it will be a great mini semester!