I. INTRODUCTION

A. English 2322 is a survey of British Literature from Beowulf through William Cowper’s writing. Though careful attention is given to the historical, social, and intellectual developments that gave rise to the literature, the emphasis of the course is on the individual selections themselves as outstanding expressions of our English literary heritage.

B. English 2322 is designed to meet the requirement of a sophomore literature course for students transferring to a senior college or for students desiring the general education of the first two years of college. The course employs critical thinking and writing skills in the analysis of a wide variety of selected readings. This course satisfies the requirement for first semester sophomore literature.

C. Prerequisites: Completion of ENGL 1301 and ENGL 1302 with at least a “C.”

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, British Literature I, the student will be able to do the following:

A. Explain the development of literary techniques and genres, representative authors and works, significant historical or cultural events, and characteristic perspectives or attitudes expressed in literature of different periods or regions.

B. Recognize, through discovery of the recurring themes, the basic issues which mankind has expressed concern through different literary periods.

C. Trace the development of characteristic forms of expression through the different historical periods.

D. Write researched, well-developed papers concerning works of literature using various critical approaches.

III. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The instructional materials identified for this course are viewable through http://www.ctcd.edu/im/im_main.asp.
IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. Reading Assignments:
Students are required to read all assigned selections from the text, to do outside reading when assigned, and to be ready to report the findings of their reading.

B. Papers and Journals:
1. A critical research paper (at least four pages of text) is required. It will cover selections which will not be covered in class. It should use the MLA style with in-text citations which may be found in the *St. Martin’s Handbook*. More details will be given in a handout.

2. Students must keep a journal in which they record their responses to the assigned literature. The instructor will call for the journals to be handed in periodically. More details will be given in a handout.

C. Class Performance:
Students are required to attend all classes, bring textbooks and other supplies to class, and learn to take and keep good class notes. Students, whether present or absent, are responsible for all assignments. The student must contact the instructor concerning any missed assignments.

D. Class Participation:
Students are to participate constructively in class discussion and attend class regularly and punctually.

V. EXAMINATIONS

Three examinations will be given. The first one will cover writers through Chaucer. The second exam will cover writers through Shakespeare. The final will be comprehensive, but will focus on writers after Shakespeare. Unannounced quizzes covering assigned materials may be given from time to time. Make-up work for in-class assignments will be given only in the event of an excused absence and only with the instructor’s permission.

VI. SEMESTER GRADE COMPUTATIONS

The possible grades for this course are A, B, C, D, or F. The semester grade will be computed on the following basis:

- Unit Test I 25%*
- Unit Test II 25%*
- Critical Paper 15%
- Journal 10%
- Final 25%*
- Total 100%
* At least 50% of all examinations will be in essay form.

VII. NOTES AND ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE INSTRUCTOR

A. Course Withdrawal: It is the student’s responsibility to officially withdraw from a course if circumstances prevent attendance. Any student who desires to, or must, officially withdraw from a course after the first scheduled class meeting must file Central Texas College Application for Withdrawal (CTC Form 59). The withdrawal form must be signed by the student.

CTC Form 59 will be accepted at any time prior to Friday of the twelfth week of classes during the 16-week fall and spring semesters. The deadline for sessions of other lengths is as follows:

- 12-week session Friday of the 9th week
- 10-week session Friday of the 7th week
- 8-week session Friday of the 6th week
- 6-week session Friday of the 4th week
- 5-week session Friday of the 3rd week

The equivalent date (75% of the semester) will be used for sessions of other lengths. The specific last day to withdraw is published each semester in the Schedule Bulletin. Students who officially withdraw will be awarded the grade of “W,” provided the students’ attendance and academic performance are satisfactory at the time of official withdrawal. Students may file a withdrawal application with the college before they may be considered for withdrawal.

A student may not withdraw from a class for which the instructor has previously issued the student a grade of “F” or “FN” for nonattendance.

B. Administrative Withdrawal: An administrative withdrawal may be initiated when the student fails to meet college attendance requirements. The instructor will assign the appropriate grade on CTC Form 59 for submission to the registrar.

C. Incomplete Grade: The College catalogue states that “An incomplete grade may be given in those cases where the student has completed the majority of the course work but, because of personal illness, death in the immediate family, or military orders, the student is unable to complete the requirements for a course.” Prior approval from the instructor is required before the grade of “IP” is recorded. A student who merely fails to show for the final examination will receive a zero for the final exam and an “F” in the course.

D. Cellular Phones and Electronic Devices: Cellular phones and other Electronic Devices will be turned off while the student is in the classroom or laboratory. If the student is “on call” or has some other emergency, a message may be left with the department staff and the student will be notified. The departmental phone number is (254) 526-1239.
VIII. COURSE OUTLINE

A. Unit One:
1. Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the unit the student will be able to do the following:
   a. Identify the basic elements of Old English language and life.
   b. Describe these elements as they are displayed in Beowulf.
   c. Explain the characteristics of Middle English language and life as they are revealed in Chaucer’s writings.

2. Learning Activities:
   a. Classroom lecture/discussion (C5, C6, C7; F1, F2, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F11, F12)
   b. Reading assignments (C5, C6, C7, C8; F1, F8, FF13, F16, F17)
   c. Examination (C1, C5, C6, C7; F2, F7, F8, F9, F10, F12, F13, F16, F17)

3. Unit Outline:
   a. “The Middle Ages” (to 1484)
   b. Beowulf
   c. Chaucer - “Prologue” to Canterbury Tales, Interlinear translation (current edition in print). At least three of the following tales:
      (1) “The Miller’s Tale”
      (2) “The Nun’s Priest’s Tale”
      (3) “The Prioress’s Tale”
      (4) “The Pardoner’s Tale”
      (5) “The Franklin’s Tale”

B. Unit Two:
1. Unit Objective: Upon successful completion of this unit, the student will be able to do the following:
   a. Trace the major elements in the development of English literature from Chaucer through Shakespeare.
   b. Identify the main components and aesthetics of Renaissance thought.

2. Learning Activities:
   a. Classroom lecture/discussion (C5, C6, C7; F1, F2, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F11, F12)
   b. Reading assignments (C5, C6, C7, C8; F1, F8, F13, F16, F17)
   c. Examination (C1, C5, C6, C7; F2, F7, F8, F9, F10, F12, F13, F16, F17)

3. Unit Outline:
a. “The Sixteenth Century” (1485 to 1603)

b. Spenser - at least one of the following:
   (1) From “Amoretti” - any three sonnets
   (2) “Epithalamion”
   (3) Selections from The Faerie Queen

c. Marlowe - Dr. Faustus*

d. Shakespeare - at least five sonnets and one of the following:
   (1) Twelfth Night
   (2) King Lear

*NOTE: This material can be deleted if time does not allow complete coverage.

C. Unit Three:

1. Unit Objective: Upon successful completion of this unit, the student will be able to do the following:
   a. Discuss the major literary developments of the Seventeenth Century.
   b. Identify and explain the major literary concerns manifested in the works of the Restoration and Neo-Classic eras.

2. Learning Activities:
   a. Classroom lecture/discussion (C5, C6, C7; F1, F2, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F11, F12)
   b. Reading assignment (C5, C6, C7, C8; F1, F8, F13, F16, F17)
   c. Examination (C1, C5, C6, C7; F2, F7, F8, F9, F10, F12, F13, F16, F17)

3. Unit Outline:
   a. “The Seventeenth Century” (1603 to 1660)
   b. “The Restoration and the Eighteenth Century” (1660 to 1785)
   c. Donne - at least three of the following:
      (1) “The Canonization”
      (2) “The Flea”
      (3) “A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning”
      (4) “The Good Morrow”
      (5) Holy Sonnet #10
      (6) Holy Sonnet #14
   d. * Jonson - at least one of the following:
      (1) “Song: To Celia”
      (2) “To the Memory of…Shakespeare”
   e. * Marvell – “To His Coy Mistress”
   f. Milton – Paradise Lost
   g. * Dryden – instructor will assign at least one of the following:
      (1) “Absalom and Achitophel”
      (2) “Mac Flecknoe”
   h. Swift - Gulliver’s Travels (omitting Part 3)
   i. Pope - at least one of the following:
      (1) “An Essay on Criticism”
      (2) Rape of the Lock
NOTE: Though the major emphasis on the final exam will be on Unit Three, some questions on the exam will require a comprehensive knowledge of the other units.

D. **Final Examination:** NOTE: The final examination should be weighted as follows:

- 50% - Unit Three
- 50% - Comprehensive