Course Outline Example

This is an example of the type of course outline you should submit for evaluation. Your course outline may require the following elements labelled in blue.

Institution: University of Canada
Course Code: ENGL 105
Course Title: The Dynamic World of Neil Gaiman

Term: Fall 2011
Instructor: Joe Professor

Course Description:


This course will examine Gaiman’s diverse and most popular works. We will play close attention to how Gaiman weaves fantasy into his narratives and builds characters fused with mythology. Why are some stories sad, others tragic? Are our emotional responses contingent on storylines, on characters, on choice of words? This course facilitates a deeper understanding of Neil Gaiman’s works through readings of his poetry, prose fiction and literary criticism.

We begin with the dark manifesto of The Sandman, and move to new forms, to the heroism of Coraline and the American ironies of American Gods.

Required Readings:

- The Sandman: Absolute Volume 1-5
- Stardust
- American Gods
- Coraline
- The Graveyard Book

Assignments and Method of Evaluation:

Essay #1 (1000 words - due on November 2nd).....20%
Essay #2 (1200 words - due on December 7th).....30%
Final Exam..... 40%
In-Class Participation.....10%

(Provide supplementary handouts on assignments if word/page count not included on course outline.)
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Topics Covered / Weekly Lecture Schedule:

Week 1 - September 7 - The Sandman: Absolute Volume 1
Week 2 - September 14 - The Sandman: Absolute Volume 2-3
Week 3 - September 21 - The Sandman: Absolute Volume 4
Week 4 - September 28 - The Sandman: Absolute Volume 5
Week 5 - October 5 - American Gods
Week 6 - October 12 - American Gods
Week 7 - October 19 - The Graveyard Book
Week 8 - October 26 - The Graveyard Book
Week 9 - November 2 – The Graveyard Book / Stardust
   - Essay #1 due
Week 10 - November 9 - Stardust
Week 11 - November 16 - Stardust
Week 12 - November 23 - Coraline
Week 12 - November 30 - Coraline
Week 13 - December 7 – Final exam review
   - Essay #2 due
Final Exam - December 14