

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** The Gothic Novel

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** ENG 2570

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** Students will trace the history of Gothic literature starting with Horace Walpole's novel *The Castle of Otranto*. Significant attention will be given to the influence of the Gothic novel in writing throughout the Romantic and Victorian ages and Modern literature. In addition to literature, students will also explore Gothic influences on architecture, art, film, and popular culture.

Prerequisite: ENG 1530.

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Identify and analyze Gothic characteristics in literature and other art forms.
2. Trace the impact of Gothic literature on other types and genres of literature.
3. Analyze the sociohistorical influences that led to Gothic literature.

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**Topics Covered:**

- Origins of the Gothic Novel
- The Gothic Novel and the Romantic Tradition
- The Gothic Novel and the Victorian Age
- Southern Gothic
- Contemporary Gothic
- The influence of Gothic literature on art, architecture, film, and popular culture
- The intersections of the Gothic genre with horror writing and film

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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
  - [Civility Statement](#)
  - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
  - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
- [Accessibility Services](#)  
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
- [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
- [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.

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**Effective Date:** Fall 2021