

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
State University of New York

INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Science Fiction

Course Abbreviation and Number: ENG 2590

Credit Hours: 3

Course Type: Lecture

Course Description: Students will read and discuss a variety of important and typical works by major authors in the historical development of science fiction from its remotest beginnings to the present. Students will gain the understanding of relationships with other literature, with science, with society, and from the viewpoints of both reader and writer.

Prerequisite: ENG 1530.

General Education Requirements Met:

SUNY

Humanities

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Define science fiction and identify some of its major subtypes, themes, and concerns.
 2. Critically interpret and analyze works of science fiction.
 3. Analyze the relationship between science fiction and the sciences.
 4. Demonstrate an understanding of the conventions and methods of at least one of the humanities. [SUNY Gen Ed – Humanities]
 5. Recognize and analyze nuance and complexity of meaning through critical reflections on text, visual images, or artifacts. [SUNY Gen Ed – Humanities]
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Topics Covered:

- science fiction history
 - major genres of science fiction (hard science, soft sciences, religious)
 - science fiction's links to the sciences
 - function of science fiction
 - feminist issues
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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 2023