



History 230: Scottish Witches

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:30-1:45 p.m. in Wallace 201

Dr. Myers' Spring 2014 Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 8:00-9:30 and 11:00-Noon

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. & any day by appointment...

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Course Description

The Salem Witch Trials pale in comparison to those in early modern Scotland. In this course students will learn about the reasons for the witch hunts and the methods used in examining, prosecuting, and punishing both men and women accused of witchcraft. The short and long-term implications of this frenzy will also be considered in their Scottish, British, European, and world contexts.

Required Reading - <http://cdmyers.info/Witches.html>

❖ *The Scottish witch-hunt in context* edited by Julian Goodare

❖ *Witch-Hunting in Scotland: Law, Politics and Religion* by Brian P. Levack

Evaluation & Class Participation

❖ Article Annotations – 10% each (Thursday 3 April and Thursday 24 April)

❖ Midterm Exam – 25% (Tuesday 8 April)

❖ Comparative Paper – 25% (Tuesday 6 May)

❖ Final Exam – 30% (Friday 9 May)

Without question you should be in class every day, ready to learn. Should you fall ill, break your leg, or have another serious dilemma that prevents your attendance, you are responsible for politely asking a classmate if you can **HAND-COPY** their notes (do not forget to say thank you!). Additionally, you should set up a time to go over missed material with Dr. Myers at the earliest possible opportunity. Although no portion of your course grade is allotted to participation, the more you discuss the information you are learning, the better you will learn it. To encourage positive contributions to class discussions, you should know that I use participation to boost borderline grades at the end of the semester.

Also note: All assignments must be completed for you to earn a passing grade in this course and you must pass the Final Exam.

Grading Scale

A = 100%-93%

B = 86.9%-83%

C = 76.9%-73%

D = 66.9%-63%

A- = 92.9%-90%

B- = 82.9%-80%

C- = 72.9%-70%

D- = 62.9%-60%

B+ = 89.9%-87%

C+ = 79.9%-77%

D+ = 69.9%-67%

F = below 60%

!!! Important Notes !!!

Please silence all cell phones before class starts, and leave them in your bag/coat/purse...so no text messaging at any time either! During tests, you may not have on headphones of any type, for any reason.

Students at Monmouth are all expected to read and abide by the Scots Guide Student Handbook (available online at <http://www.monmouthcollege.edu/life/residence-life/scots-guide>), and should pay special attention to the Academic Regulations dealing with Academic Honesty and violations thereof, listed below in bold (*with my comments following each*):

1. **Cheating on tests, labs, etc;** (*This includes bringing in cheat sheets in any form, looking at a neighbor's test, talking during the test, or accessing online materials during a test.*)
2. **Plagiarism, i.e., using the words, ideas, writing, or work of another without giving appropriate credit;** (*You will get a citation guide with your paper assignments that you should be able to follow easily. If you have any questions about how to cite a source at anytime, be sure to ask!*)
3. **Improper collaboration between students, i.e., not doing one's own work on outside assignments specified as group projects by the instructor;** (*If you have questions about when studying together becomes "improper collaboration" be sure to ask. As a general rule, you should make sure you separate yourself from your classmates before you start writing an assignment so that you can be certain it is in your own words and no one else's.*)
4. **Submitting work previously submitted in another course, without previous authorization by the instructor.** (*If you have done an assignment in another course that you think would work well for one in this course, it is not inconceivable that I would give you permission to reuse it...with revisions. Set up a time with me to discuss/negotiate the possibility.*)

All instructors at Monmouth are required to follow the procedures noted in the Student Handbook in regard to violations of the Academic Honesty Policy. It is incumbent upon you to remember the final portion of the Philosophical Statement regarding Academic Honesty: "Any breach of the academic honesty policy – either intentionally or unintentionally - will be taken seriously and may result not only in failure in the course, but in suspension or expulsion from the College. It is each student's responsibility to read, understand and comply with the general academic honesty policy at Monmouth College, as defined here in the Scots Guide, and to the specific guidelines for each course, as elaborated on the professor's syllabus."

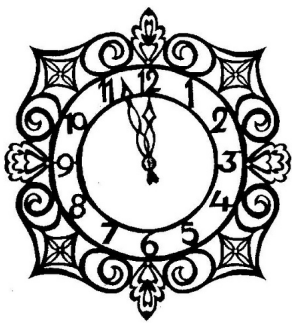
Any student eligible for and needing academic adjustments or accommodations because of a disability should speak with Dr. Myers during the first two weeks of class and get in touch with the Teaching and Learning Center on the 2nd floor of Poling Hall, 309-457-2257.

If you have questions or concerns at any point during the course, please come to see me during office hours or make an appointment with me to have a discussion. I am better able to help you learn if I know what help you need.

Class Schedule

Date	Topics to be covered	Readings & Assignments
Tuesday 18 Mar 14	Introduction	<i>The Scottish witch-hunt in context</i> , Chapter 1
Thursday 20 Mar 14	Anglo-Scottish comparisons	<i>Witch-Hunting in Scotland</i> , Chapters 1 <i>The Scottish witch-hunt in context</i> , Chapter 11
Tuesday 25 Mar 14	Witchcraft, law, & power	<i>Witch-Hunting in Scotland</i> , Chapters 2 & 3
Thursday 27 Mar 14	Witchcraft in the 1500s	<i>The Scottish witch-hunt in context</i> , Chapters 3 & 4
Tuesday 1 Apr 14	Witchcraft in the 1600s	<i>Witch-Hunting in Scotland</i> , Chapter 4 <i>The Scottish witch-hunt in context</i> , Chapter 5
Thursday 3 Apr 14	Black Magic in Macbeth	First Article Annotation Due
Tuesday 8 Apr 14	Midterm Exam	Study!
Thursday 10 Apr 14	Types of witches	<i>The Scottish witch-hunt in context</i> , Chapters 6 & 7
Tuesday 15 Apr 14	Post-Restoration witchcraft	<i>Witch-Hunting in Scotland</i> , Chapter 6 <i>The Scottish witch-hunt in context</i> , Chapter 8 *Articles for 2 nd Annotation handed out
Thursday 17 Apr 14	No class...	Enjoy!

Tuesday 22 Apr 14	Witch hunting	<i>Witch-Hunting in Scotland</i> , Chapters 7 & 8
Thursday 24 Apr 14	Comparing Scotland to other nations	Second Article Annotation Due
Tuesday 29 Apr 14	Scholar's Day!	
Thursday 1 May 14	Contextualizing witches	<i>The Scottish witch-hunt in context</i> , Chapters 2 & 12 <i>Witch-Hunting in Scotland</i> , Chapter 9
Tuesday 6 May 14	Review Day	Comparative Paper Due
Thursday 8 May 14	Reading Day	
Friday 9 May 14	Final Exam @ 3:00 p.m.	Study!



Course work expectations for Monmouth's new 4-4 Course System

Hours per week in class	= 2.5 hours
Hours per week reading/reviewing/studying	= 4.5 hours
Hours per week working on assignments	= 3 hours
Total hours per week	= 10 hours