

**ENGL 343: Later Middle English Literature**  
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

In ENGL 343 we will cover a range of literary texts in Middle English from the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. This will include, for example, travel, romance and confessional literature, and will incorporate a wide variety of perspectives and styles. In addition to our two required texts (*The Book of John Mandeville* and *The Book of Margery Kempe*), we will study others that need not be purchased, such as *Sir Orfeo* and Hoccleve's *Complaint*. Through discussions and assignments you will become comfortable with reading Middle English and will develop your skills in critical thinking, research and academic writing. Consequently, by the end of the course you will have developed a greater understanding of major themes and genres from later Middle English literature.



**PROPOSED ASSIGNMENTS**

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| • Translation exercises | 20% |
| • Short essays          | 20% |
| • Research essay        | 30% |
| • Take-home final exam  | 30% |



**PROPOSED TEXTS**

- *The Book of John Mandeville*, ed. Kohanski and Benson. Medieval Institute Publications, 1996.
- *The Book of Margery Kempe*, ed. Lynn Staley. Norton, 2000.