We will study Shakespeare’s most beloved plays and characters.

- Find out why Richard III is the stage’s most theatrical villain, why Henry V is both a hero and a cad, why Brutus can’t sleep at night, why Hamlet would rather talk to dead people than make love, why Othello ties himself in jealous knots, why Lear goes mad as a hatter, and why Coriolanus is Rome’s equivalent of Iron Man.

- In other words, find out why Shakespeare is the most popular author in the English language.

Proposed Texts:

Richard III, Henry V, Julius Caesar, Hamlet, Othello, King Lear, Coriolanus

Proposed Assignments:

- Response Paper 10%
- Midterm 20%
- Critical Essay 20%
- Closed Book Final Exam 40%
- Participation 10%