INTRODUCTION: Perspectives are variously defined as the ways in which we look at things and beliefs or the positions from which we do so. No matter which meaning you prefer, it should be obvious that perceptions can differ depending on whatever influences or affects them. In this course, we will be examining the various ways in which people look at modern fantasy and the earlier forms which influenced it—fairy tales. The other aspect of this class is enquiry or investigation which can likewise vary depending on what position you begin your inquiry from. Both of these activities require communication (oral and written) to be really effective which will be the ongoing activity of this course.

REQUIRED TEXTS:
Jack Zipes, ed. SPELLS OF ENCHANTMENT, Penguin Books
L. Frank Baum, THE WIZARD OF OZ, Penguin Books
C.S. Lewis, THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE, ROC
Peter Beagle, THE LAST UNICORN, ROC

COURSE CONTENT: Enquiry must be about something and perspectives must be on something so for the purposes of this course, we have chosen story-telling, fairy tale and fantasy, subject of great interest in today's society. We will begin with the earliest evidence of tale-telling, consider the role of folklore, myth, legend and fable. Hopefully ending up by examining the recent phenomenal growths in the field of fantasy literature. If you have read such works outside of this class, such material may be used for paper topics when appropriate. As part of this consideration, we will have several movie nights this semester which will serve as the basis of more class discussion.
COURSE REQUIREMENTS: Since this is a course about communication, there will be many opportunities to utilize it. ALL assignments are to be handed in on time. Late papers are NEVER acceptable and failure to complete a required writing assignment will result in a serious reduction of your grade. Quizzes are given at the beginning of class and will NOT be repeated. These will be of varying length and weight depending on the reading assignment. Quizzes can likewise not be made up, but if you have an excused absence, can be taken early. At the end of the semester, the two lowest regular quiz scores will be dropped.

- Five major papers 30%
- Three shorter ‘reflection’ papers 15%
- Numerous quizzes 20%
- Several short solo oral reports 15%
- One group oral report 10%
- Class participation 10%

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