

# EN 400 The Modern Novel in English (3) Winter 2002

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### **Required Texts**

Woolf, Virginia. To the Lighthouse. Oxford: Oxford UP, 2000.

Watson, Sheila. *The Double Hook*. Toronto: New Canadian Library, 1989. Faulkner, William. *The Sound and the Fury*. New York: Vintage, 1984.

Bely, Andrei. *Petersburg*. Toronto: Penguin, 1995.

James, Henry. *The Sacred Fount*. New York: New Directions, 1995.

### **Literary Criticism**

Bradbury, Malcolm. The Modern American Novel.

Bradbury, Malcolm. *The Modern British Novel*.

Bradbury, Malcolm and James MacFarlane, eds. *Modernism: A Guide to European Litearture, 1890-1930.* 

Faulkner, Peter. Modernism.

Fokkema, Douwe and Elrud Ibsch. "What is Modernism?" in *Modernist Conjectures*.

Howe, Irving, ed. The Idea of the Modern in Litearture & the Arts.

Ruland, Richard and Malcolm Bradbury. "Modernism in the American Grain" in *From Puritanism to Postmodernism.* 

#### **Course Description**

This course explores the British, American, Russian, and Canadian Modern novel. The purpose of this course is to introduce those interested in the topic of Modernism to one of the most complicated literary phenomenon of the twentieth century.

## **Course Objectives**

Emphasis will be placed on answering the question: What is Modernism? We will try to answer it by studying the complexity of this movement by drawing on the critical texts and Modernist novels above.

Course Schedule (tentative)*			
January	16	Introduction	
-	18	What Is Modernism?	
	23	Faulkner, <i>Modernism</i>	
	25	Bradbury, <i>The Modern British Novel</i> , Part I	
	30	Woolf, To the Lighthouse	
February	1	Woolf	
	6	Woolf	
	8	Fokkema, "What Is Modernism?"	
	13	Bradbury and McFarlane "The Name and Nature of	
		Modernism" in Bradbury and McFarlane, <i>Modernism</i>	
	15	Watson, <i>The Double Hook</i>	
	27	Howe, "The Idea of the Modern"	
March	1	Bradbury and McFarlane, Movements, Magazines and	
		Manifestos: The Succession from Naturalism" and Fletcher	
		and Bradbury, "The Introverted Novel" in Bradbury &	
		McFarlane, <i>Modernism</i>	
	6	Ruland & Bradbury, "Modernism in the American Grain"	
	8	Bradbury, <i>The Modern American Novel</i> , Chapters 1-4	
	13	Faulkner, <i>The Sound and the Fury</i>	
	15	Faulkner	
	20	Faulkner	
	22	Lampert, "Modernism in Russia"; Fanger, "The City of	
		Russian Modernist Fiction" in Bradbury & McFarlane,	
		Modernism	
	27	Bely, Petersburg	
April	3	Bely	
	5	Bely	
	10	James, The Sacred Fount	
	12	James; ESSAY due	

<sup>\*</sup>We will try to follow the schedule as closely as possible; inevitably, some texts will require more or less time.

## **Course Requirements and Grading**

Participation in class discussions	20%
Presentation (critical)	25%
Presentation (novel)	25%
Essay	30%