

Studies in Science Fiction (sem.1) & More Studies in SF (sem.2)

General Expectations

- **Be responsible:** Do the reading, be both physically and mentally present, and when you can't, do the make-up work and/or touch base with me to discuss it.
- **Be respectful:** This class should be a safe space for all of us to share our ideas, however "out there," and to be heard. It's science fiction, after all; what would it be without differences and speculative creativity? Be kind to one another, and make every single person here feel welcome.
- **Be involved:** We do a lot of discussion here, and your voice is valuable. Be heard. Participation in daily activities and discussions is the heart of this class, and we need you.
- **Be a graduate:** This is an elective. You **elected** to be here! So do the work—it'll make the class more fun and more rewarding. (Plus, it helps if you don't have an elective dragging down your GPA at the end of the quarter. Your future self will thank you.)

Class Work and Homework

- Have any reading or other homework done by the arranged due date/time.
 - **Late homework** will not be accepted.
 - **Make-up work** will be accepted per HHS policy ($x+1$ days where x =number of days absent on an excused absence). Please label it accordingly.
- Do your own work. **Plagiarized work will receive a grade of ZERO** and a warning on the first offense, and subsequent offenses will result in disciplinary action, potentially including an "F" in the class. See the Student Handbook for additional information.
- Your participation is essential to the class, and to your grade. I will keep track of your participation each day, and **discussion and participation points will make up a large part of your overall grade.**
 - Please note that graded discussions may be made up online (schoology.com), even if you were present in class. Take advantage of this opportunity!

Materials

- One notebook (college ruled is preferred)
- Pens and pencils
- Access to a computer with internet is a must! Please type all essays/longer assignments, and be prepared to do some research on occasion.

Grading

Grades during the quarter are determined just like in your English class: "Summative" assignments like final drafts, presentations, and tests make up 60% of the grade, "Formative work—structured discussions, class work (including bell ringers or exit tickets), and small quizzes—allows me to check your learning along the way to the summative and makes up 30% of the grade, and the last 10% comes from "Practice," which consists of any first attempt or general participation assignment.

Each quarter is worth 45% of the semester grade, and the semester final makes up the other 10%.