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Course Number: ENG 237 H5S

Course Title: Science Fiction

Course Description: This course explores speculative fiction that invents or extrapolates an inner or outer cosmology from the physical, life, social, and human sciences. Typical subjects include AI, alternative histories, cyberpunk, evolution, future and dying worlds, genetics, space/time travel, strange species, theories of everything, utopias, and dystopias.

Required Reading:

- 1) Richard Matheson, *I am Legend*. E. Brown (Artist), Steve Niles (Author). Publisher: IDW Publishing. ISBN-13: 978-1933239217 [Graphic Novel version]
- 2) Robert J. Sawyer, *Wake*. Publisher: Penguin Canada [Available April 2010] ISBN-13: 978-0-14-305630-0
- 3) *Science Fiction: Stories and Contexts*. Ed. Heather Masri. Publisher: Bedford St. Martins. ISBN-13: 978-0312450151

First Three Texts/Authors to be Studied: Matheson, *I am Legend*; texts from *Science Fiction: Stories and Contexts*

Method of Instruction: Lecture; Discussion

Method of Evaluation: Essay, Test and Exam

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| 1) 30% | In Class Test (short essay; short answer) |
| 2) 30% | Short Essay (six pages) |
| 3) 30% | Final Exam (short essays; short answers) |
| 4) 10% | Informed Course Contribution |