

Instructor: Chester N. Scoville

Course number: ENG311H5F

Course title: Medieval Literature

Course Description: The fourteenth century is dominated in most literary histories by Geoffrey Chaucer; this course will look at his most notable contemporaries. We will examine these writers in their political, religious, and social contexts. All readings will be in Middle English; previous knowledge of the language is not required.

Required Reading: *Pearl*, *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, Langland's *Piers Plowman* (B-text), Gower's *Confessio Amantis* (selections). All texts will be available at the UTM bookroom. Additional material may be taken from Luminarium's on-line Anthology of Middle English Literature.

First Three Texts/Authors to be Studied: *Pearl*, *Sir Gawain*, Gower

Method of Instruction: Lecture/discussion

Method of Evaluation: Two papers, mid-term test