

ENGL 4625

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MW 12:40-2:05

This course will survey and examine the history and development of rhetoric (the art of persuasion) over various stages in history: pre-Socratic Sophists in Greek antiquity; classical Roman rhetorics; rhetoric from the Middle Ages; Renaissance and "Enlightenment" rhetorics; modern rhetorics; and contemporary rhetorics. During the course of our historical survey, we will consider both the practical application of rhetoric within the context of the period (*praxis*) and the theory which supports/supported such (*theoria*). Students will leave the course with a broad depth and breadth of knowledge regarding the lineage of the rhetorical tradition.