

Syllabus

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What You Should Already Know

There are no prerequisites for this course. You should have a desire to learn, read, think about things in a new way, and explore different ideas about human nature and science.

Learning Outcomes

In Lit 61: Science Fiction Literature, you will:

1. Analyze science fiction novels.
2. Identify major themes and elements presented in science fiction.
3. Evaluate the way in which science fiction is a commentary on human nature and civilization.
4. Examine each author's individuality in subject and skill.

Course Materials

- *Martian Chronicles* by Ray Bradbury
- *Speaker for the Dead* by Orson Scott Card
- *I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov

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Assignments

Each lesson in the course is followed by a self check quiz. These computer-graded quizzes **do not** count toward your grade. They are designed to test your understanding of the presented material and to prepare you for the unit quizzes and the final exam.

The course consists of 6 units. Every unit ends with a unit quiz. These computer-graded assignments count toward your grade. They are one of the best ways to prepare for the final exam

In addition, every unit has a written type of assignment called a portfolio assignment. These are instructor graded assignments that vary in style and length. Save each one as you complete it. You will turn them all in at one time at the end of the course.

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Exams

The final exam consists of 40 multiple choice questions. It is closed book/note with no time limit.

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Grading

Here is how your grade will be determined:

Unit Percentage Breakdown

Unit 1	8%
Unit 2	8%
Unit 3	8%
Cumulative Review	3%
Unit 4	8%
Unit 5	8%
Unit 6	8%
Cumulative Review	3%
Final Portfolio	20%
Final Exam	26%
Total	100%

Grading Scale

A	100-94
A-	93-90
B+	89-86
B	85-83
B-	82-80
C+	79-76

Grading Scale

C 75-73

C- 72-70

D+ 69-66

D 65-63

D- 62-60

E (fail) 0-59