

Satire



“It is hard not to write satire / For who could endure this monstrous city / However callous at heart / And swallow his wrath?” Juvenal, Satire I

English 203A Section 01

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In this course we will be examining various examples of satire, both in English and in translations, beginning with the classical Roman satires of Horace and ending in the early seventeenth century with the satiric comedies of Ben Jonson. Along the way, we will consider the nature and functions of satire, and the ways in which its author adapt it different social, historical and political contexts.

Course requirements will include one lengthy, researched essay in addition to periodic shorter assignments. Participation in class discussion is assumed.

Prerequisites: English 102