

BASIC PROGRAM of LIBERAL EDUCATION for ADULTS

Spring Quarter 2024

Novels of the New World: Willa Cather's *My Antonia*, *Death Comes for the Archbishop*, and *Shadows on the Rock*

INSTRUCTOR	DATES AND TIMES	LOCATION
Clare Pearson	COURSE LENGTH: Ten Weeks DATES: March 21-May 23	zoom
EMAIL: pearson5478@comcast.net Instructor can be contacted through Canvas message	DAY OF THE WEEK: Thursday TIMES: 9:30am -12:45pm central	COURSE CODE and SECTION: BASC 70226 PREREQUISITES: None

Remote courses require you to login to Canvas to access the Zoom Classroom. **You will receive an invitation to join Canvas about a week before your course begins.** Please visit <https://grahamschool.uchicago.edu/academic-programs/online/learning-resources/liberal-arts> to find Canvas login instructions, Zoom instructions, and student training sessions.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Willa Cather quintessentially gave voice to the experience of European immigrants in North America in a rich range of novels. We will explore a variety of landscapes and lives, starting with her well known story of settlers in prairie Nebraska, *My Antonia*. From there we will move to what is arguably her masterpiece, *Death Comes for the Archbishop*, a culturally complex and beautiful novel of the American Southwest, and end by joining French settlers in Quebec in *Shadows on the Rock*. Class will involve close reading and discussion. Please read Book 1 of *My Antonia* for the first class.

REQUIRED TEXTS

1. Willa Cather, *My Antonia*, Norton Critical Edition, Revised edition (August 26, 2015), WW Norton & Co, ISBN 9780393967906
2. Willa Cather, *Death Comes for the Archbishop*, Vintage Classics (June 16 1990), ISBN 978-0679728894
3. Willa Cather, *Shadows on the Rock*, Vintage Classics, ISBN 978-0679764045

Students can purchase books at the Gleacher Center Bookstore online at <https://chicagobooth.bncollege.com/shop/chicagobooth/page/find-textbooks> using the Textbook order form, or by using the ISBN number to order the correct edition elsewhere.

WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

DAY	AUTHOR	READING ASSIGNMENT
WEEK 1	Cather	<i>My Antonia</i> Part 1
WEEK 2	Cather	<i>My Antonia</i> finish discussion of Part 1; Part 2
WEEK 3	Cather	<i>My Antonia</i> Parts 3-5
WEEK 4	Cather	<i>Death Comes for the Archbishop</i> Prologue, Chaps 1 & 2
WEEK 5	Cather	<i>Death Comes for the Archbishop</i> Chaps 3-5
WEEK 6	Cather	<i>Death Comes for the Archbishop</i> Chaps 6-7
WEEK 7	Cather	<i>Death Comes for the Archbishop</i> Chaps 8-9
WEEK 8	Cather	<i>Shadows on the Rock</i> Book I, Book 2 chs 1-5
WEEK 9	Cather	<i>Shadows on the Rock</i> Bk 2 ch 6-Book 4
WEEK 10	Cather r	<i>Shadows on the Rock</i> Bk 5-Epilogue

Students will receive an invitation to join the Graham School Student Community Canvas Site, a place to read announcements, have discussions, ask questions, and find resources.

DISABILITY INFORMATION

Student Disability Services (SDS) works to provide resources, support and accommodations for all students with disabilities and works to remove physical and attitudinal barriers, which may prevent their full participation in the University community. Students that would like to request accommodations should contact SDS in advance of the first class meeting at 773.702.6000 or disabilities@uchicago.edu.