

Coming in Fall 2023

ENG 4463-001/5463-001

Special Topics

The Comic Spirit

Monday, Wednesday 2:00-3:15 pm



Why do we laugh? Is laughter a harmless relief or a subversive threat? How does the comic function?

These are among the fundamental questions we will examine while discussing some very funny British, French, and Russian comic narratives and plays principally from 1800 to the present, as well as a few silent film shorts. We will be reading works by Charles Dickens, Oscar Wilde, Evelyn Waugh, Tom Sharpe, and many others in light of various comic theories.

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