

## Dickens and the Novel

### REQUIRED TEXTS

You must purchase these editions, uniquely identified by the imprinted isbn:

Charles Dickens, *Nicholas Nickleby* (1838-39) isbn 0140435123  
Charles Dickens, *Little Dorrit* (1855-57) isbn 0141439963

### REQUIREMENTS

One 5-page close-reading paper, 1 outside source, due Wednesday, May 3 35%

One 12-page research paper, 3+ outside sources, due Wednesday, May 31 50%

weekly reading response via our [ecampus](#) class discussion board. 15%  
150-word minimum due by Tuesday at noon. 'A' assigned for full participation, reduced by a letter grade for each omission.

class participation raise or lower final grade

In addition:

- You are strongly encouraged to meet with me to discuss your writing in individual conferences; at least one individual meeting is required.
- With approval, your first paper may become part of your final paper.
- Lively class participation is expected. Obviously attendance is required; please contact me if you are going to miss a class meeting.
- This is your seminar. Don't hesitate to help shape its direction.
- You must use your email account. If you use an address other than the one known to MyUCLA, please be sure to give it to me.
- E-campus contains important course information.
- Grades for the written essays will appear in MyUCLA, but see above for the actual calculation of final grades.

Finally, a word about academic integrity. Academic integrity is fundamental to University work and life. This seminar involves research. Always note your sources and do not hesitate to ask me about the correct ways of citing them. Plagiarizing, which means taking words or ideas from a published or unpublished source without proper acknowledgment, is wrong and violates your UCLA Student Conduct Code.

### SCHEDULE

4/5 Introduction  
4/12 *Nicholas Nickleby* up to Number VI  
4/19 *Nicholas Nickleby* up to Number XIV  
4/26 *Nicholas Nickleby* to the end.  
5/3 *Nicholas Nickleby* **First paper due**  
5/10 *Little Dorrit* up to Number VII  
5/17 *Little Dorrit* up to Number XIV  
5/24 *Little Dorrit* to the end.  
5/31 *Little Dorrit* **Final paper due**  
6/7 Conclusion