

ENGL 230: Milton

Days & Times	Room	Instructor	Meeting Dates
TuTh 12:30PM - 1:45PM	Bingham - Rm 0317	MEGAN MATCHINSKE	01/09/2012 - 05/04/2012

Maximum enrollment: 35

John Milton was a religious dissident, a political theorist, and a poet. He wrote at a time in English history when concepts of government and authority were in the process of active and militant critique, when religious, domestic and civil spheres were being reimagined and reformulated. We will study Milton's writings within this highly charged political environment, as political theory, as religious dissension, as social history, and as poetry. Students will be asked to consider Milton's poetry and prose accounts culturally, in terms of the material circumstances of their writing. Teaching methods: Classtime will be spent in lecture and group discussion of pertinent texts.

Requirements: Weekly writing assignments; two papers (8-10 pages); final exam.

Texts: Hughes Merritt, ed. *John Milton: Complete Poems and Major Prose*. New York: MacMillan, 1957