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Enjoy Summer Shakespeare at Home

Weed / COS - College of the Siskiyous will be offering **Introduction to Shakespeare (ENGL 1033 / #5011)**, online this summer, allowing students to study the bard's work in the comfort of their own homes. This is an introductory course, examining social and historical culture of Renaissance England, along with Shakespeare's life and work. Students will have the opportunity to examine Shakespearean tragedies, comedies, histories, and sonnets.

"I'm excited about Canvas, all of the new resources we have, including videos of the plays produced by the Royal Shakespeare Company. They make Shakespeare's plays and poetry accessible to everyone," instructor Jacalyn McNamara said. "We will be studying four of the plays that are being produced at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in 2018: *Othello*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Henry V*, and *Love's Labour's Lost*. This is a great opportunity to get to know the plays before you see them in the theater."

"In addition, the class is Open Source—that means no textbook costs since all materials will be available online."

McNamara still remembers the first time she saw a Shakespeare play onstage. "I was a senior in high school, and we went to see *MacBeth* at Knox College—I could think of nothing else in the weeks that followed. She began her study of Shakespeare as a producer, designing set, costumes, and posters for Royal Shakespeare Revels in Ojai, California. In addition, she is a graduate of Southern Oregon University where she completed Special Studies in Shakespeare, devoting an entire semester to the study of *Hamlet*."

Introduction to Shakespeare is a 3 unit course transferrable to CSU. It begins June 5 and ends August 3. Students enrolling in this course must have internet access. For registration information, call the Enrollment Services Office at (530) 938-5500. The Weed Campus can also be reached by calling (530) 938-5555 or toll-free (888) 397-4339. Register in person at the Weed or Yreka campus or register online at www.siskiyous.edu.