

Rule and Misrule



ENGL 263*—Shakespeare
Tuesday/Thursday 1-2:15
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William Shakespeare's plays were first performed during the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I, at the end of the Tudor dynasty and the beginning of the Stuart. Beset by threats of invasion and civil war, and rife with political plots and intrigue, the reigns of Elizabeth and James raised important, and sometimes contentious, questions about the nature and practice of rule. In English 263 we will approach a selection of Shakespeare's dramas through the concept of "governance," which can refer to both political and personal rule—to the government and conduct of the state and the self.

Possible Plays:

Henry IV, Part 1
Richard III
As You Like It
Twelfth Night
King Lear
Othello
The Merchant of Venice
The Tempest

*English 263 is a SpeakWrite certified course.