

Master Syllabus

LIT 2211 - American Literature I

Division: Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

Department: Literature

Credit Hour Total: 3.0

Lecture Hrs: 3.0

Date Revised: June 2014

Course Description:

A chronological survey of major writers of American poetry, drama and prose from the Colonial Period through the Civil War (through 1865).

General Education Outcomes:

- Oral Communication
- Written Communication
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Values/Citizenship/Community
- Computer Literacy
- Information Literacy

Course Outcomes:

Relationship between Literature and Culture

Recognize and explain interaction between literature and various cultural domains such as social, political, and economic.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher based on the English Department's Grading Standards for Essays

Relate Literature Contextually

Relate literature to the historical period about which or in which it is written.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher based on the English Department's Grading Standards for Essays

Interpret Literature

Assess the validity of diverse literary interpretations.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher based on the English Department's Grading Standards for Essays

Literary Texts

Analyze literary texts and demonstrate critical thinking through interpretation of the texts.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher based on the English Department's Grading Standards for Essays

Outline:

Native American Creation Stories
Discovery Journals
Columbus
Cabeza De Vaca
Winthrop
Bradstreet
Franklin
Jefferson
Wheatley
Emerson
Hawthorne
Thoreau
Fuller
Poe
Slave Narratives
Whitman
Dickinson