

Master Syllabus

LIT 2230 - Great Books of the Western World

Division: Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

Department: Literature

Credit Hour Total: 3.0

Lecture Hrs: 3.0

Date Revised: May 2016

Course Description:

A chronological survey of the major literary works of periods of Western culture beginning with the Greeks and progressing through the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, Neo-Classicism and Enlightenment, Romanticism, Realism and Modernism.

General Education Outcomes:

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

Course Outcomes:

Literary Themes

Recognize major literary themes and myths of the Western Tradition and their influence on Western culture, historically and today.

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

Eras of Western Civilization

Identify different eras of Western Civilization and the ways literature of the periods both influences and is influenced by those eras.

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

Major Literary Genres

Recognize major literary genres as they have developed in the course of Western literary history and read samples of various genres.

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

Great Writers and Their Books

Identify great writers and books in the Western tradition and examine why some works are considered classics.

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:

The purpose of literature in Western culture
Greek and Roman culture and literature
Medieval life and literature
Shakespeare
The Renaissance
Romanticism
Romantic poetry
Realism
Literature of the Modern Era