

## 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

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### 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