

ENG 233
MAJOR AMERICAN WRITERS

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: ENG 112 or ENG 113

Corequisites: None

This course provides an intensive study of the works of several major American authors. Emphasis is on American history, culture, and the literary merits. Upon completion, students should be able to interpret, analyze, and evaluate the works studied. *This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement for the general education core requirement in humanities/fine arts.* Course Hours Per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to:

- a. Discuss the works of select major American writers in literary contexts such as Puritanism, the Enlightenment, Romanticism, Realism, Naturalism, and Modernism;
- b. Discuss the cultural, intellectual, and historical context of major American works;
- c. Trace the development of themes and genres within their historical contexts;
- d. Analyze literary works for their aesthetic features and thematic patterns;
- e. Identify styles, themes, and works of major writers;
- f. Examine a variety of critical approaches to literature;
- g. Examine critical and popular reception.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- I. Issues in American literature
 - A. Cultural and historical background
 - B. Genres and literary movements
 - C. Development of a national literature
- II. Selected authors and works
 - A. Biographical overview
 - B. Critical and popular reception
 - C. Stylistic and thematic characteristics
 - D. Contribution to the national literature

III. Literary criticism and secondary sources

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Texts to be selected by instructor

STATEMENT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Students who require academic accommodations due to any physical, psychological, or learning disability are encouraged to request assistance from a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Likewise, students who potentially require emergency medical attention due to any chronic health condition are encouraged to disclose this information to a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Counselors can be contacted by calling 686-3652 or by visiting the Student Development Office in the Phail Wynn Jr. Student Services Center, room 1309.