

ENG 254 : SURVEY AMERICAN LITERATURE II

Transcript title

Survey American Literature II

Credits

4

Grading mode

Standard letter grades

Total contact hours

40

Lecture hours

40

Recommended preparation

WR 121.

Course Description

Covers selected works of American literature written during the late 19th century and the 20th century. Covers the transition from Realism and Naturalism to Modernism, the Jazz Age, the Harlem Renaissance, the Confessional and "Beat" poets and writers and late 20th century short fiction. Need not be taken in sequence.

Course learning outcomes

1. Students will understand the features of post Civil War American literary historical periods (such as literary realism, naturalism, modernism, and post-modernism).
2. Students will understand the development and impact of the establishment of an American literary "canon."
3. Students will analyze how American literature can reflect the American experience, psyche and identity of Americans, as well as reflect the diverse cultures and perspectives which comprise the body of literature in America since the Civil War.
4. Students will apply a range of reading strategies to analyze and interpret a variety of literary texts within their historical and literary contexts.
5. Students will use informal and formal writing to analyze and interpret literary works integrating textual evidence following MLA guidelines.

General education/Related instruction lists

- Cultural Literacy
- Arts and Letters