

Montgomery County Community College
ENG 285H
Sophomore Literature Studies
3-3-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a specialized sophomore level course typically dealing with a different subject each time the course is offered. Each course will present a body of literary materials which will serve as the basis for assisting the student in strengthening sensitivity to literature and developing the critical abilities needed for understanding, evaluating and appreciating literature. Consult the English Department for a detailed description of the course currently being offered.

This Honors course fosters high-achieving students' growth towards learning outcomes such as: problem solving, often with creative approaches; critical reading; forming judgments based on evidence, often from integrative learning; clear, persuasive research writing; oral presentation; and articulate reflection on personal growth. Honors courses are more likely to utilize student-driven active learning, emphasizing exploration and discovery, rather than the acquisition of specific knowledge; faculty might provide projects with no pre-determined conclusion, but with real-world application.

REQUISITES:*Previous Course Requirements*

- ENG 101 English Composition I with a minimum grade of "C"

Concurrent Course Requirements

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Discuss the characteristics of literature that impact the enjoyment of reading.	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers
2. Verbalize an increase in self-awareness, through a development of critical abilities.	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers

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3. Discuss the relationship between the past, and contemporary societal views in literature.	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers
4. Analyze models of literature for excellence.	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers	Lecture Discussion Group Analysis of Texts AV Presentation Writing of Papers

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria*.

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

Appropriate topics will be chosen for each sophomore literature studies offering, which will be different each time.

LEARNING MATERIALS:

1. Novels
 - Dickens, Charles. *Bleak House*
 - Heller, Joseph. *Catch 22*
 - Howells, William Dean. *The Rise of Silas Lapham*
 - Lewis, Sinclair. *Babbitt*
 - White, T.H. *The View from the Fortieth Floor*
2. Plays
 - Ibsen, Henrik. *The Master Builder*
 - Kaufman, George S. *Beggar on Horseback*
 - O'Neill, Eugene. *The Hairy Ape*
 - Shaw, George B. *Major Barbara*
3. Fiction
 - Galsworthy, John
 - Hawthorne, Nathaniel
 - Melville, Herman
 - Steinbeck, John
 - Thurber, James
4. Nonfiction
 - Agee, James
 - Levenstein, Aaron
 - Riesman, David
 - Toffler, Alvin

5. Poetry

Auden, W.H.
Dickinson, Emily
Cummings, e.e.
Frost, Robert
Hall, Donald
Robinson, Edward Arlington
Sandburg, Carl
Shapiro, Karl
Whitman, Walt
Wordsworth, William

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

Prepared by: English Department

Date: 1984

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Date: 12/1994

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This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.