

STANDARDIZED COURSE DESCRIPTION  
English 238

Section I

Subject Area and Course Number: English 238

Course Title: Major American Writers

Course Catalog Description:

Examination of the works and historical background of selected American writers such as Franklin, Emerson, Thoreau, Melville, Poe, Whitman, Dickinson, Twain, Hawthorne, Crane, Tyler, Morrison, and James.

Lecture Hours per week: 3

Credits per course: 3

Prerequisite: English 102

Course Objectives:

1. To expose students to representative literary works from Colonial through Contemporary periods.
2. To place works in historical context.
3. To provide further practice in analysis and criticism, oral and written.

Section II

Course Scope and Content:

- A. Scope: Students read and study a variety of works in American literature--short stories, poems, drama, essays, novels--from Colonial through Contemporary periods.
- B. Required Work: Mid-Term and Final Examinations; other in-class writings; Term Paper
- C. Attendance/Participation: Attendance is required at all classes in accordance with College policy. Students are encouraged to participate in class discussions.
- D. Methods of Instruction: Instruction methods are determined by the instructor and may include lectures/discussions and films; conference hours.
- E. Methods of Evaluation: Grades for the course are based on written papers, examinations, and class participation, including attendance.
- F. Required Texts: A basic anthology and a selection of paperbacks, determined by instructor.