

STANDARDIZED COURSE DESCRIPTION
English 240

Section I

Subject Area and Course Number: English 240

Course Title: American Literature from the Civil War
to Contemporary Times

Course Catalog Description:

Study of selected readings in American literature
from the Civil War period to the contemporary period.

Lecture Hours per week: 3

Credits per course: 3

Prerequisite: English 102

Course Objectives:

1. To acquaint students with representative readings in poetry, drama, short stories, essays, etc., as well as the novel, from the Civil War to the present.
2. To provide a more coherent and accurate account of our cultural heritage by presenting diverse voices and visions.
3. To further students' knowledge of the elements of literature.
4. To provide further opportunity for analysis and criticism, oral and written.

Section II

Course Scope and Content:

- A. Scope: Students read a variety of works in American literature--short stories, poems, drama, essays, novel--from Civil War to contemporary times. Form and content are studied, as well as the context of the works.
- B. Required Work:
 1. A number of readings in a variety of genres.
 2. Mid-Term and Final Examinations; other in-class writings.
 3. 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 work, examinations and class participation, including attendance.
- F. Required Texts: A basic anthology and a selection of paperbacks, as determined by the instructor.