

STANDARDIZED COURSE DESCRIPTION
English 266

Section I

Subject Area and Course Number: English 266

Course Title: Contemporary Literature

Course Catalog Description:

Short stories, novels, and poetry of the last two decades, with emphasis on such writers as Walker, Oates, and Morrison.

Lecture Hours per week: 3

Credits per course: 3

Prerequisite: English 102

Course Objectives: The course aims to provide students with an opportunity to:

1. study representative works of contemporary literature;
2. enjoy, understand, and appreciate such literature and values represented therein;
3. explore biographical, historical, sociological aspects of the works;
3. obtain further practice in critical thinking, reading, and writing.

Section II

Course Scope and Content:

- A. Scope: Students read short stories, novels, poetry, and drama of the last two decades; writers considered are primarily American and British; some works in translation are included.
- B. Required Work: A number of readings in a variety of genres; 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 work, examinations and class participation, including attendance.
- F. Required Texts: A basic anthology and a selection of paperbacks, as determined by the instructor.