Department:

English

Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to provide a survey study of significant writers, works, and developments in American literature from around 1620 to 1885.

Course Competencies:

Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify various works and literary styles of major writers in this period of American literature.
2. Explain how these works and writers fit into the development of American literature in this period.
3. Evaluate a literary work’s effectiveness in terms of both personal and critical response.
4. Use the features of a word-processing program to write and revise papers with page format and source documentation.

Course Content:

A. From Exploration to a New Nation
   1. Exploration
   2. The Colonies
   3. Revolution and the New Nation

B. The Romantic Temper and the House Divided
   1. Nature and Society
   2. Colloquial Humor
   3. Transcendental and Symbolic Representations
   4. The Humanitarian Sensibility
   5. Pioneer of a New Poetry

Learning Assessments:

Course competencies will be assessed by written commentaries on assigned reading, reflection or research papers, regular exams, a final exam, and level of active participation in class or group discussions.

Instructional Materials:

Guidelines for Requesting Accommodations Based on Documented Disability or Medical Condition

It is the intention of Highland Community College to work toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to make instructional programs accessible to all people, and to provide reasonable accommodations according to the law.

Students should understand that it is their responsibility to self-identify their need(s) for accommodation and that they must provide current, comprehensive diagnosis of a specific disability or medical condition from a qualified professional in order to receive services. Documentation must include specific recommendations for accommodation(s). Documentation should be provided in a timely manner prior to or early in the semester so that the requested accommodation can be considered and, if warranted, arranged.

In order to begin the process all students must complete the “Disabilities Self-Identification Form” at this link: https://highlandcc.edu/pages/disability-services.

This form can also be accessed at the Highland Community College homepage under Students Services/Student Resources/Disability Service or by contacting the Disabilities Coordinator.