

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 its beginnings to 1865.

Course Competencies:

The learning outcomes and competencies detailed in this syllabus meet or exceed the learning outcomes and competencies specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups for this course as approved by the Kansas Board of Regents. (Kansas Regents Shared Number Course and Title: **KRSN Course ENG2010.**)

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

1. Demonstrate a complex understanding of American literary traditions from their precolonial beginnings to the Civil War era, including prominent authors, literary movements and styles.
2. Analyze and interpret literary works, drawing on relevant historical and cultural knowledge.
3. Apply modes of critical inquiry, terminology, textual evidence, concepts, and conventions specific to the discipline.
4. Evaluate and critically examine narratives of American literary history with attention to the role of diversity in its broadest forms.
5. Practice foundational research strategies appropriate to the discipline and write focused, convincing analytical essays in clear, grammatical prose.

Course Content:

- A. Pre-Colonial Native American Literature
- B. Exploration, Colonialism, Slavery
- C. Revolution, Independence
- D. The Developing Nation and its Literary Voices
- E. The Civil War Period

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:

Textbook: Levine, R. S. (Ed.) (2017). *The Norton Anthology of American Literature* (Shorter 9th Ed.) (Vol. 1, *Beginnings to 1865*). New York, NY: W. W. Norton. ISBN-13: 978-0393264524

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” on our [Disability Services website](#).

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.

A Note on Harassment, Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct

Highland Community College seeks to assure all community members learn and work in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Title VII, Title IX, and College policy prohibit harassment, discrimination and sexual misconduct. Highland Community College encourages anyone experiencing harassment, discrimination or sexual misconduct to talk to report to the Vice President for Student Services, the Human Resources Director or complete an [online report](#) about what happened so that they can get the support they need and Highland Community College can respond appropriately.

There are both confidential and non-confidential resources and reporting options available to you. Highland Community College is legally obligated to respond to reports of sexual misconduct, and therefore we cannot guarantee the confidentiality of a report, unless made to a confidential resource. Responses may vary from support services to formal investigations. As a faculty member, I am required to report incidents of sexual misconduct and thus cannot guarantee confidentiality. I must provide our Title IX coordinator with relevant details such as the names of those involved in the incident. For more information about policies and resources or reporting options, please review our [Equity Grievance Policy](#).