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- I. Course Name: American Literature 1620-1865
Prefix and Number: ENG201
Credit Hours and Contact Hours: 3 credit hours – 3 contact hours
Catalog Description:

A study of selected readings from the important literature of the United States. Emphasis is placed on the most significant writings of representative authors from colonial times to 1865. Prerequisites: ENG102 or permission of instructor.

II. Course Outcomes and Objectives

Learning Outcomes:

- Students will possess a knowledge of the effects of the social, political, economic, religious, and/or moral aspects of American life on the literature produced before 1865.
- Students will demonstrate a knowledge of the salient characteristics of the work of some of American literature's most significant early figures.
- Students will have a general knowledge of the place that American literature occupies on a global basis.
- Students will demonstrate an ability to access the library's various sources of critical material.
- Students will demonstrate an ability to write research papers according to MLA guidelines.

Relationship to Academic programs and curriculum: This course fulfills a Humanities or Fine Arts requirement.

College competencies addressed by the course:

- Writing*
- Oral Communication*
- Reading*
- Mathematics
- Professional Competency*
- Problem Solving*
- Ethics and Values*
- Global Concerns*
- Citizenship*
- Information Resources*
- Computer Literacy*

III. Methods of Instruction

Types of Course materials:

Anthologies of American Literature such as the *Norton Anthology of American Literature I*.

Methods of instruction:

- Reading of selected texts
- Lecture
- Class discussion
- Videos and recordings

Assessment measures:

Methods of Evaluation:

- Mid-term and final examinations
- Midterm essay
- Final essay
- Class participation

IV. General Outline of Topics covered

- Early Writers on America
- Colonial American Writers
- The Beginnings of American Poetry
- Captivity Narratives
- African-American Writers
- Literature of the Eighteenth Century and the Great Awakening
- The Beginnings of American Fiction
- Literature of the First Half of the Nineteenth Century