

I. COURSE INFORMATION

- A. Composition & Literature 211 American Literature I: Colonial to 1865
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Levine, Robert. *The Norton Anthology of American Literature Vol II*. 9th ed. New York: W.W. Norton & Co, 2017
- D. Prerequisites: Enrollment in or completion of COL 101 with a C grade or above
- E. KRSN: ENG 2010 American Literature I

The learning outcomes and competencies detailed in this course outline or syllabus meet or exceed the learning outcomes and competencies specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups project for this course as approved by the Kansas Board of Regents.

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

American Literature I surveys the development of American literature from the Colonial period to the Civil War era. The course also introduces students to a variety of historical literary genres and reviews the principles of literary criticism as they apply to the major works covered.

III. LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- A. Pre-Columbian period
- B. Literature of discovery and exploration
- C. European settlement
- D. The Colonial period
- E. Enlightenment and revolutionary visions
- F. National literature

V. ASSIGNMENTS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Journals
- B. Reading and writing assignments
- C. Author study
- D. Essays
- E. Quizzes and exams

VI. EVALUATION METHODS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Quizzes and exams
- B. Essays
- C. Assignments
- D. Journal
- E. Constructive participation