

I. COURSE INFORMATION

- A. Composition & Literature 222 American Literature II: 1865 to Present
- 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 2020 American Literature II

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 II surveys the development of American literature from the Civil War period through present day. The course also introduces students to a variety of 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 the genres, themes, central figures, and key works of the expanding body of American literature
- B. Explain the influence of cultural and historical trends upon American literature
- C. Articulate the distinctive periods and movements of American literature
- 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. Regional authors and literature
- B. Major literary criticism of the Post-Civil War
- C. Literary criticism of the modern period
- D. Alienation and literary experimentation
- E. The Negro Renaissance
- F. Literary criticism of the contemporary period

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