

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Division of Communication and Arts

Course Number and Title

ENGL 2323 Survey of American Literature Since the Civil War

ACTS Index Number and Title

ENGL 2663, American Literature II

Catalog Description

Students will read, discuss, and write about fiction, poetry, nonfiction, and drama by major American authors from the post-Civil War era up through the present times such as Mark Twain, Kate Chopin, William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway, Robert Frost, Henry James, Willa Cather, Langston Hughes, Arthur Miller, and Toni Morrison. In addition, students will examine how literary trends like realism, naturalism, imagism, and post-modernism influenced the writing of the time. Several texts by Americans from diverse backgrounds and ethnicity enhance the student's awareness of America's multicultural literary heritage.

Prerequisite

Successful completion of ENGL 1013 and ENGL 1023, or consent of the instructor

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours

Three

Target Audience and Transfer

This course offers enrichment to the community as a whole as well as fulfilling the literature/fine arts requirements of many degree plans. It also transfers as its equivalents to the surrounding colleges and universities.

Student Learning Outcomes

The student will:

- Read, analyze, and interpret works by representative American writers.
- Identify various literary techniques, methods, and ideas.
- Illustrate how literature reflects culture and society.
- Write at least one interpretive paper.

Topics

Either chronological or genre/thematic structure which includes selected major literary pieces from the textbook

Forms of Assessment

Tests, papers, oral reports