

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND WRITING STUDIES – 2015-16****ENGLISH 2308E -- AMERICAN LITERATURE SURVEY****INSTRUCTOR:** Dr. John Kelly – jkelly1@uwo.ca**DESCRIPTION:**

This course offers a survey of important texts and authors from the Puritan and Revolutionary periods to the present. It addresses not only the major movements and styles of American literature associated with such authors as Poe, Dickinson, Twain, Hemingway, and Morrison, but also the innovative work of less familiar Indigenous and ethnic authors.

**Antirequisite(s):** English 2341E, 2342F/G, 2343F/G, 2344E, 2345F/G, 2346F/G, and 3664E.**Prerequisite(s):** At least 60% in 1.0 of English 1020E or 1022E or 1024E or 1035E or 1036E or both English 1027F/G and 1028F/G, or permission of the Department.**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

- DeLillo, Don. *White Noise*. Penguin Books.
- Ellison, Ralph. *Invisible Man*. Vintage International. Random House.
- Melville, Herman. *Moby Dick*. Norton Critical Edition.
- Morrison, Toni. *Beloved*. Plume.
- Baym et al. *The Norton Anthology of American Literature*. Eighth Edition. Vols. A to E.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- Think critically about American literature and culture, and understand the historical and literary contexts of works.
- Be able to distinguish between periods, movements, and styles and discuss the differences between colonial, nineteenth century, modern, and contemporary American literature.
- Participate in Learning Cell assignments and class discussions.
- Develop further the ability to analyze texts critically, and to formulate and produce essays which have a clear, well-articulated intent, and a logical argument supported by adequate evidence from the text(s) under discussion.
- Research critical commentary on literary texts and evaluate the relevance, reliability, and usefulness of research sources, especially those obtained through the internet.
- Write a research essay using secondary sources documented using the Modern Language Association (MLA) method.

**EVALUATION:**

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| -- Learning Cell # 1 | 5% (2 pages)   |
| -- Essay # 1         | 15% (6 pages)  |
| -- Essay # 2         | 15% (6 pages)  |
| -- Learning Cell # 2 | 5% (2 pages)   |
| -- Essay # 3 =       | 25% (8 pages) -- research paper (four secondary sources) |
| -- Final Exam =      | 35%  |

**COURSE WORK AND EXAM:****STUDENTS MUST PASS THE COURSE WORK AND THE EXAM TO PASS THE COURSE.**

## **LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

Essays submitted late will receive a penalty of 1% per day, including weekends.

## **PLAGIARISM**

There is **ZERO** tolerance for plagiarism in this course.

**Plagiarism:** The penalties regarding **PLAGIARISM** (the unacknowledged use of another person's work) are severe and will be enforced. You are responsible for being aware of the nature of plagiarism as it is detailed in the University calendar and in the Department of English's "Instructions for Students" sheet.

**"Plagiarism:** Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by quotation marks and in footnotes. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar or refer to Scholastic Discipline under the Senate Policy on Academic Rights and Responsibilities at <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/>).

**Plagiarism checking:** The University of Western Ontario uses software for plagiarism checking. Students may be required to submit their written work in electronic form for plagiarism checking."

## **ACADEMIC ACCOMODATION**

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth (either alone or in combination) 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department.

Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Office of the Dean of the student's Faculty of registration, together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. The Student Medical Certificate (SMC) can be found at [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf).

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to MentalHealth@Western <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.