LITERATURE (LIT)

College of Arts and Humanities

Courses

LIT 100. Popular Culture: Reading Culture as Text. 3 Credits.
An introduction to analyzing and interpreting everyday cultural expressions within diverse social, historical, economic, and political contexts.
Gen Ed Attribute: Humanities Distributive Requirement.

LIT 165. Topics in Literature. 3 Credits.
A course designed to develop awareness of literature as being central to all the arts, to increase levels of literacy and critical faculties, and to broaden understanding of the human condition.
Gen Ed Attribute: Humanities Distributive Requirement, Writing Emphasis.

LIT 200. American Literature I. 3 Credits.
Survey of representative American writers from Colonial times to 1860, including Bradstreet, Taylor, Franklin, Poe, Thoreau, Hawthorne, and Melville.

LIT 201. American Literature II. 3 Credits.
A survey of representative American writers from 1860 to the present, including Whitman, Twain, James, Crane, Eliot, Frost, Hemingway, and Faulkner.

LIT 202. African American Literature I. 3 Credits.
A survey of African American writing from the Middle Passage through the first decade of the 20th century. Authors include Wheatley, Equiano, Douglass, Jacobs, Wells-Barnett, Du Bois, Washington, Chesnutt, Weldon Johnson, and others, with an emphasis on the historical contexts of slavery and Jim Crow and on the oral/vernacular roots of the black literary tradition.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.
Typically offered in Fall.

LIT 203. African American Literature II. 3 Credits.
Continuation of LIT 202. A survey of African American writing from the Harlem Renaissance to the present. Authors include Hughes, Hurston, Wright, Ellison, Baraka, Brooks, Sanchez, Morrison, Butler, and others, with an emphasis on the historical forces and social and cultural movements that have shaped black writing in the 20th and 21st centuries.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.
Typically offered in Spring.

LIT 204. New Black Women Writers in America. 3 Credits.
Survey of black women writers of America. Examines themes and influences on American and African-American literary contexts.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.

LIT 205. Harlem Renaissance. 3 Credits.
This course examines the historical and cultural movement of the 1920's known as the Harlem Renaissance.

LIT 207. Life and Times of Frederick Douglass. 3 Credits.
This course examines the courageous life and times of an American reformer and his influence on slavery and the abolitionist movement.

LIT 213. Asian American Literature. 3 Credits.
Survey of representative Asian American authors from their earliest works at the turn of the twentieth century to contemporary works, examined in the context of the changing cultural, economic, and political experiences of Americans of Asian descent.
Gen Ed Attribute: Diversity Requirement, Writing Emphasis.

LIT 219. Literature for Young Children. 3 Credits.
A critical study of the literature for young children for prospective specialists in early grades.
Gen Ed Attribute: Humanities Distributive Requirement.

LIT 220. Children's Literature. 3 Credits.
A critical study of literature for children, setting standards for evaluation and appreciation.
Gen Ed Attribute: Humanities Distributive Requirement.

LIT 230. English Literature I. 3 Credits.
A survey of English literature from Anglo-Saxon writing through the 18th century.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.

LIT 231. English Literature II. 3 Credits.
A survey of English literature of the 19th and 20th centuries.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.
LIT 310. African American Novel I. 3 Credits.
A study of the African American novel from the genre's beginnings in the 1850s through to
the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s and 30s. Authors include William Wells Brown, Harriet
Wilson, Frances Harper, Charles Chesnutt, and Nella Larsen, examined in the context of slavery,
Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and other historical experiences of African Americans.

LIT 311. African American Novel II. 3 Credits.
A study of the African American novel from Richard Wright's Native Son (1940) to the present.
Works including Ralph Ellison's Invisible Man (1952) and Toni Morrison's Beloved (1987) are
examined in the context of changing cultural and political experiences of African Americans in
the twentieth and twenty-first century.

LIT 328. Old English Language and Literature. 3 Credits.
An introductory study of the language (450-1150 A.D.) through a reading of religious and
secular poetry and prose.

LIT 329. Medieval Women's Culture. 3 Credits.
This is an interdisciplinary study of writings by medieval women and their contribution to the
development of medieval culture.
Gen Ed Attribute: Interdisciplinary Requirement.

LIT 330. Middle English Language and Literature. 3 Credits.
An introductory study of the language (1150-1450 A.D.) through a reading of selected literary
texts.

LIT 331. Chaucer. 3 Credits.
An interpretation of Canterbury Tales and Troilus and Criseyde.

LIT 332. English Drama to 1642. 3 Credits.
English drama from the early liturgical tropes to 1642, exclusive of Shakespeare.

LIT 333. Early Modern Poetry. 3 Credits.
Poetry and prose of the 16th and early 17th centuries. See the department handbook for group
descriptions.

LIT 334. Milton. 3 Credits.
A survey of his major poetry and prose.

LIT 335. Shakespeare I. 3 Credits.
Reading, analysis, and discussion of selected histories and tragedies. Discussion of critical
approaches to the plays and of the historical and intellectual climate of the times.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.

LIT 336. Shakespeare II. 3 Credits.
Reading, analysis, and discussion of selected comedies and nondramatic poems. Discussion
of critical approaches to the works and of the historical and intellectual climate of the times.
Either LIT 335 or 336 may be taken first.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.

LIT 337. Literature of the Enlightenment. 3 Credits.
A critical consideration of the 18th-century writers, exclusive of the dramatists.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.

LIT 338. Restoration and 18th Century Drama. 3 Credits.
The drama from the reopening of the theaters in 1660 to 1800.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.

LIT 339. 18th Century British Novel. 3 Credits.
The British novel from Defoe to Austen.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.

LIT 340. The Romantic Movement. 3 Credits.
Wordsworth, Coleridge, Byron, Shelley, Keats, and their contemporaries in the light of social
background and critical doctrine.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.

LIT 341. 19th Century British Novel. 3 Credits.
The British novel from Austen to Hardy.

LIT 342. Victorian Literature. 3 Credits.
Victorian thought and culture in poetry and nonfiction prose.
Gen Ed Attribute: Writing Emphasis.

LIT 344. Modern British Novel. 3 Credits.
The novel in England from Conrad to the present.

LIT 360. Special Topics Children's/Young Adult Literature. 3 Credits.
In depth study of key genre, theme, or topic in children's or young adult literature.