

## Department:

English

## Course Description:

This course provides a survey of the significant writers, works, and developments in American literature from roughly 1865 to the present.

## Course Competencies:

The learning outcomes and competencies detailed in this syllabus meet or exceed the learning outcomes and competencies specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups for this course as approved by the Kansas Board of Regents. **(Kansas Regents Shared Number Course and Title: KSRN Course ENG2020 American Literature II.)**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a complex understanding of the genres, themes, central figures, and key works of American literature from the post-Civil War era to the contemporary period.
2. Analyze and interpret literary works, drawing on relevant historical and cultural knowledge, and applying terminology and concepts specific to literary studies.
3. Evaluate and critically examine narratives of American literary history with attention to the role of diversity in its broadest forms.
4. Practice foundational research strategies appropriate to literary studies and write focused, convincing analytical essays in clear, grammatical prose.

## Course Content:

- A. Post-Civil War Literature
- B. New American Voices in the 19th Century
- C. The World Wars, Jazz, and Modern Voices
- D. The Literature of Diversity
- E. Creative Nonfiction

## Learning Assessments:

Course competencies will be assessed by written commentaries on assigned reading, reflection or research papers, regular exams, a final exam, and level of active participation in class or group discussions.

## Instructional Materials:

Textbook:

Levine, R. S. (Ed.) (2017). *The Norton Anthology of American Literature (Shorter 9th Ed.) (Vol. 2, 1865 to the Present)*. New York, NY: W. W. Norton. ISBN-13: 978-0393264531

### **Guidelines for Requesting Accommodations Based on Documented Disability or Medical Condition**

It is the intention of Highland Community College to work toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to make instructional programs accessible to all people, and to provide reasonable accommodations according to the law.

Students should understand that it is their responsibility to self-identify their need(s) for accommodation and that they must provide current, comprehensive diagnosis of a specific disability or medical condition from a qualified professional in order to receive services. Documentation must include specific recommendations for accommodation(s). Documentation should be provided in a timely manner prior to or early in the semester so that the requested accommodation can be considered and, if warranted, arranged.

In order to begin the process all students **must** complete the “Disabilities Self-Identification Form” on our [Disability Services website](#).

This form can also be accessed at the Highland Community College homepage under Students Services/Student Resources/Disability Service or by contacting the Disabilities Coordinator.

### **A Note on Harassment, Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct**

Highland Community College seeks to assure all community members learn and work in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Title VII, Title IX, and College policy prohibit harassment, discrimination and sexual misconduct. Highland Community College encourages anyone experiencing harassment, discrimination or sexual misconduct to talk to report to the Vice President for Student Services, the Human Resources Director or complete an [online report](#) about what happened so that they can get the support they need and Highland Community College can respond appropriately.

There are both confidential and non-confidential resources and reporting options available to you. Highland Community College is legally obligated to respond to reports of sexual misconduct, and therefore we cannot guarantee the confidentiality of a report, unless made to a confidential resource. Responses may vary from support services to formal investigations. As a faculty member, I am required to report incidents of sexual misconduct and thus cannot guarantee confidentiality. I must provide our Title IX coordinator with relevant details such as the names of those involved in the incident. For more information about policies and resources or reporting options, please review our [Equity Grievance Policy](#).