| **PROFESSOR:** | **PHONE NUMBER:** |
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1. **COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE, CATALOG DESCRIPTION, CREDITS:**

**LIT 2090 CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE (3 CREDITS)**

The focus of this course is an examination of themes and ideas reflected in the writings of contemporary American authors who have won major awards for works of fiction and poetry since 1985.

1. **PREREQUISITES FOR THIS COURSE:**

ENC 1101

**CO-REQUISITES FOR THIS COURSE:**

None

1. **GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION:** Topic Outline.

• Backgrounds to American Fiction since 1985

• Major Works of Representative Major Figures

• Significant Themes, such as: Love and Alienation, the Family and Conflicts between Generations, Initiation from Innocence to Experience, Self-deception and Self-discovery, the Individual versus Society, Death and Renewal

• Pulitzer Prize Winning Works of Poetry

• Leading Ideas and Stylistic and Formal Features of Award-winning Works of Fiction and Poetry

1. **All courses at Florida SouthWestern State College contribute to the general education program by meeting one or more of the following general education competencies:**

**C**ommunicate clearly in a variety of modes and media.

**R**esearch and examine academic and non-academic information, resources, and evidence.

**E**valuate and utilize mathematical principles, technology, scientific and quantitative data.

**A**nalyze and create individual and collaborative works of art, literature, and performance.

**T**hink critically about questions to yield meaning and value.

**I**nvestigate and engage in the transdisciplinary applications of research, learning, and knowledge.

**V**isualize and engage the world from different historical, social, religious, and cultural approaches.

**E**ngage meanings of active citizenship in one’s community, nation, and the world.

**A.**  **General Education Competencies and Course Outcomes**

1. Listed here are the course outcomes/objectives assessed in this course which play an *integral* part in contributing to the student’s general education along with the general education competency it supports.

*General Education Competency*: **Analyze and create individual and collaborative works of art, literature, and performance.** Acquire cultural literacy and foster creative thinking by examining the visual, artistic, literary, and inventive endeavors of humankind. Understand histories of creative thought, nurture personal creativity, and strengthen human relationships. Engage with the material culture, creative productions, and humanistic traditions of diverse cultures to examine human values and life across the world. Understand how human innovations in the arts, sciences, and humanities have changed the world and produced the societies in which we all live, as well as how diverse communities and societies interact in order to produce new forms of knowledge and culture.

*Course Outcomes or Objectives Supporting the General Education Competency Selected:*

1. Students must evaluate and interpret literary works from ethical, social, cultural, historical, philosophical, artistic, and/or biographical perspectives.
2. Students will become fluent with literary terminology and be able to apply these terms to works read in the course.
3. Students must analyze and evaluate a book-length narrative and shorter works of contemporary authors.
4. Students will demonstrate their understanding of the characteristics and techniques of the major literary genres through close readings of literary works.

2.  Listed here are the course outcomes/objectives assessed in this course which play a *supplemental* role in contributing to the student’s general education along with the general education competency it supports.

*General Education Competency*: **Visualize and engage the world from different historical, social, and cultural approaches.** Understand how history, culture, and society shape and inform the human condition in the successful pursuit of academic and occupational goals. Understand how diverse cultures have interacted with, and continue to connect with, each other on a global scale. Engage in the comparative study of the values and traditions of diverse cultures. Understand and navigate the conventions, knowledge formations, practices, and discursive norms of society, culture, and the academy in order to improve and analyze one’s own thinking, value diversity, and cultivate an open-minded approach to new ideas and social issues.

*Course Outcomes or Objectives Supporting the General Education Competency Selected:*

1. Students will demonstrate the ability to compose arguments on a variety of literary topics within the genres of short fiction, poetry, and drama; the compositions will be substantial in length and increase in rhetorical complexity over the course of the semester.
2. Students must demonstrate continuing mastery of correct grammar, usage, and diction.
3. Students must analyze information within the style of academic prose writing, and, in general, develop their ability to join a scholarly conversation.

**B.** **In accordance with Florida Statute 1007.25 concerning the state’s general education core course requirements, this course meets the general education competencies for *communication*.**

* *Students will demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively.*
* *Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze communication critically.*

1. **DISTRICT-WIDE POLICIES:**

**Programs for Students with Disabilities**

Florida SouthWestern State College, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the College’s guiding principles, offers students with documented disabilities programs to equalize access to the educational process. Students needing to request an accommodation in this class due to a disability, or who suspect that their academic performance is affected by a disability should contact the Office of Adaptive Services at the nearest campus. The office locations and telephone numbers for the Office of Adaptive Services at each campus can be found at <http://www.fsw.edu/adaptiveservices>.

**REPORTING TITLE IX VIOLATIONS**

Florida SouthWestern State College, in accordance with Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act, has established a set of procedures for reporting and investigating Title IX violations including sexual misconduct.  Students who need to report an incident or need to receive support regarding an incident should contact the Equity Officer at [equity@fsw.edu](mailto:equity@fsw.edu).  Incoming students are encouraged to participate in the Sexual Violence Prevention training offered online.  Additional information and resources can be found on the College’s website at <http://www.fsw.edu/sexualassault>.

1. **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STUDENTS:**

List specific course assessments such as class participation, tests, homework assignments, make-up procedures, etc.

1. **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

The professor’s specific policy concerning absence. (The College policy on attendance is in the Catalog, and defers to the professor.)

1. **GRADING POLICY:**

Include numerical ranges for letter grades; the following is a range commonly used by many faculty:

| 90 - 100 | = | A |
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| 80 - 89 | = | B |
| 70 - 79 | = | C |
| 60 - 69 | = | D |
| Below 60 | = | F |

(Note: The “incomplete” grade [“I”] should be given only when unusual circumstances warrant. An “incomplete” is not a substitute for a “D,” “F,” or “W.” Refer to the policy on “incomplete grades.)

1. **REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS:**

(In correct bibliographic format.)

1. **RESERVED MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE:**

Other special learning resources.

1. **CLASS SCHEDULE:**

This section includes assignments for each class meeting or unit, along with scheduled Library activities and other scheduled support, including scheduled tests.

1. **ANY OTHER INFORMATION OR CLASS PROCEDURES OR POLICIES:**

(Which would be useful to the students in the class.)