



Course Description

LIT2480 | Issues in Literature & Culture | 3.00 credits

This course explores world literature and includes works from the Western canon. Through oral presentations and written assignments, students will critically analyze literary texts, connecting them to broad world issues, historical contexts, and philosophical ideas. By engaging in practical investigations and critical analysis, students will develop their ability to think critically about human values as expressed through literature and its intersections with other humanities disciplines. Writing intensive course.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate critical analysis of literary texts by:

1. Identifying key themes and motifs in the Western canon literature.
2. Comparing and contrasting literary styles across different periods.
3. Interpreting symbolic and metaphorical language in texts.
4. Evaluating the influence of historical events on literary works.
5. Analyzing the author's perspective and biases.
6. Discussing the relevance of literary works to contemporary issues.

Competency 2: The student will explore connections between literature and other humanities disciplines by:

1. Relating literary themes to philosophical concepts.
2. Investigating the historical backdrop of selected texts.
3. Connecting literary movements to artistic trends.
4. Examining the influence of music on literary works.
5. Comparing literary narratives with historical accounts.

Competency 3: The student will develop critical thinking skills by:

1. Constructing well-reasoned arguments in written assignments.
2. Presenting oral analyses of literary works.
3. Engaging in group discussions on complex literary topics.
4. Synthesizing information from multiple sources in research projects.
5. Applying literary theories to analyze texts.
6. Critiquing peer interpretations of literary works.
7. Formulating original interpretations of texts.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.
2. Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning.
3. Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities.