MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE

Faculty is required to have the outline submitted to the Academic Affairs Office. The course outline is the form used for approval of new courses by the Academic Affairs and Standards Council.

DEPT.  English  COURSE NUMBER:  _1105_

NUMBER OF CREDITS:  3

COURSE TITLE:  Introduction to Literature

CATALOG DESCRIPTION :  Studies the elements, forms, and content of fiction, drama and poetry.

AUDIENCE :  All students

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (Leave blank if not applicable)
Area:  6 Humanities and Fine Arts by meeting the following competencies: a, b, c, and e.
Area:  7 Human Diversity by meeting the following competencies: a, b, c, and d.

PREREQUISITES OR NECESSARY ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE:  Exceed minimum level for reading on college entrance exam

LENGTH OF COURSE:  One Semester

THIS COURSE IS USUALLY OFFERED:
Every other year ☐  fall X  spring X  summer X  undetermined ☐

Four goals are emphasized in course at Minnesota West Community & Technical College:

1) ACADEMIC CONTENT: The academic objectives of this course are:
   a. To expose students to a wide variety of writers, works and themes in literature, primarily of Europe and the Americas
   b. To introduce students to a variety of poems, plays, and works of fiction.

2) THINKING SKILLS: This course will help students improve the effectiveness of their thinking skills through:
   a. Analysis of the elements of poetry, fiction, and drama
   b. Consideration of patterns of human behavior, imagery, and language

3) COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS: This course will help students improve their oral and written communication skills through:
   a. Discussions
b. Writing Assignments  
c. Written exams

4) HUMAN DIVERSITY: This course will help students recognize, understand, and appreciate human diversity through:
   a. Exposure to alternative ways of viewing life and humanity in fictional settings
   b. Exposure to ways writers influence each other and are influenced by external events and issues
   c. Exposure to characters who represent and live in diverse cultures.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:
   Elements of poetry, fiction, and drama.

LIST OF EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES:
1. Students will be prepared for a more profound participation in the world because of their knowledge of classic works and writers
2. Students will become aware of some emerging writers and their works
3. Students will understand more about their own humanity.
4. Students will consider new answers to universal questions.
5. Students will be able to appreciate and respond appropriately to written and performed works of literature

LEARNING/TEACHING TECHNIQUES used in the course are:
   X  Collaborative Learning  X  Problem Solving
   □  Student Presentations  □  Interactive Lectures
   □  Creative Projects  □  Individual Coaching
   X  Lecture  X  Films/Videos/Slides
   □  Demonstrations  X  Other (describe below)
   □  Lab  Discussion forums

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THIS CLASS INCLUDE:
   X  Reading  X  Tests  □  Individual Projects
   □  Oral Presentations  X  Worksheets  □  Collaborative Projects
   X  Textbook Problems  X  Papers  □  Portfolio
   □  Group Problems  □  Term Paper
   □  Other (describe below)

EXPECTED STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:
1. Students will demonstrate understanding of major elements of poetry, fiction, and drama.
2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of major themes and periods of classical poetry, fiction, and drama.
3. Students will recognize names of major writers and associate them with their works and literary periods.
4. Students will understand the importance of character, imagery, language, metaphor, plot, rhythm, setting, sound, and structure in poetry, drama, and fiction.
6. Students will articulate critical thinking skills in discussions and writing assignments.

**Veteran Services:** Minnesota West is dedicated to assisting veterans and eligible family members in achieving their educational goals efficiently. Active duty and reserve/guard military members should advise their instructor of all regularly scheduled military appointments and duties that conflict with scheduled course requirements. Instructors will make every effort to work with the student to identify adjusted timelines. If you are a veteran, please contact the Minnesota West Veterans Service Office.

The information in this course outline is subject to revision

To receive reasonable accommodations for a documented disability, please contact the campus Student Services Advisor or campus Disability Coordinator as arrangements must be made in advance. In addition, students are encouraged to notify their instructor.

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