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: 2235

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 1-3

COURSE TITLE: Special Topics in Literature

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Introduces students to specialized areas of literature. Topics may include literature associated with specific regions, historical periods, subcultures, economic groups, businesses, or social movements. The class may be retaken for credit if the topic varies.

AUDIENCE:

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) *(Leave blank if not applicable)*
Area: 6 by meeting the following competencies: 1-5
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PREREQUISITES OR NECESSARY ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE:
Instructors recommend the students complete ENGL 1105 or an advanced high school literature class before registering for this course.

LENGTH OF COURSE: One semester

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

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

1) ACADEMIC CONTENT: The academic objectives of this course are:
   a. Students will read a body of literary works appropriate for the selected topic
   b. Students will identify common themes in the selected works
   c. Students will respond to the selected works in writing or other appropriate ways

2) THINKING SKILLS: This course will help students improve the effectiveness of their thinking skills through:
   a. Discussing themes of the selected works with classmates and faculty
   b. Comparing their lifestyles and world views to those presented in the works they read.

3) COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS: This course will help students improve their oral and written communication skills through:
   a. Writing about and responding to the assigned works
b. Completing assessments designed to measure assimilation of stated learning objectives

4) HUMAN DIVERSITY: This course will help students recognize, understand, and appreciate human diversity through:
   a. Exposure to works from writers outside their normal experience
   b. Exposure to information regarding different cultures, environments, experiences, landscapes, and lifestyles
   c. Identifying with or relating to characters who live and face conflicts in worlds different from their own.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:
   To be determined by instructor and approved by Humanities Division and the Academic Affairs and Standards Committee.

LIST OF EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES:
   Students will gain a greater appreciation for the diversity of humankind and gain empathy for fellow human beings.

LEARNING/TEACHING TECHNIQUES used in the course are: (To be determined by instructor)

- [ ] Collaborative Learning
- [ ] Problem Solving
- [ ] Student Presentations
- [ ] Interactive Lectures
- [ ] Creative Projects
- [ ] Individual Coaching
- [ ] Lecture
- [ ] Films/Videos/Slides
- [ ] Demonstrations
- [ ] Other (describe below)
- [ ] Lab

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THIS CLASS INCLUDE: (To be determined by instructor)

- [ ] Reading
- [ ] Tests
- [ ] Individual Projects
- [ ] Oral Presentations
- [ ] Worksheets
- [ ] Collaborative Projects
- [ ] Textbook Problems
- [ ] Papers
- [ ] Collaborative Projects
- [ ] Group Problems
- [ ] Portfolio
- [ ] Other (describe below)
- [ ] Term Paper

EXPECTED STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:
   To be determined by instructor and approved by the Humanities Division and the Academic Affairs and Standards Committee.

The information in this course outline is subject to revision

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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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