

ENGL 251: INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH LITERATURE I

Citrus College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Effective Term:	Fall 2022
Credits:	3
Total Contact Hours:	54
Lecture Hours :	54
Lab Hours:	0
Hours Arranged:	0
Outside of Class Hours:	108
Strongly Recommended:	ENGL 101.
District General Education:	C2. Humanities
Transferable to CSU:	Yes
Transferable to UC:	Yes - Approved
Grading Method:	Standard Letter

Catalog Course Description

Significant works of major British writers in historical perspective. First semester: Anglo-Saxon period through the eighteenth century with emphasis on Chaucer, Milton, Donne and Johnson. 54 lecture hours.

Course Objectives

- Discuss and interpret a number of significant works of English literature in order to understand the foundational traditions of Western culture as demonstrated by a final in-class written exam.
- Analyze the style and literal content of literary texts in order to master all that the text offers to the contemporary reader as demonstrated by a formal research paper.
- Explore interpretations of the text from a variety of critical perspectives in order to defend the richness, layers, depth, complexity, and universal appeal as demonstrated by a final in-class written exam.
- Evaluate significant works of English literature in order to appreciate the attributes that make them foundational to the development of Western literature.

Major Course Content

1. The Middle Ages
 - A. Beowulf
 - B. Geoffrey Chaucer
2. The Sixteenth Century
 - A. Sir Thomas Wyatt
 - B. William Shakespeare
3. The Seventeenth Century
 - A. John Milton
 - B. John Donne
4. The Eighteenth Century
 - A. Jonathan Swift
 - B. Alexander Pope

Suggested Reading Other Than Required Textbook

Expanded resource materials during the research phase of the course via printed materials as well as electronic resources, DVDs and other visual media.

Examples of Required Writing Assignments

5-10 page research paper on John Milton's "Paradise Lost."

Examples of Outside Assignments

(1) read the assigned reading and complete the worksheets covering content, historical context, and style; (2) write a 5-7 page research paper on an assigned topic relating to the semester's reading; (3) select any two readings from the semester and develop an essay in which you discuss what we learn about the culture of the times as reflected in the assigned literature.

Instruction Type(s)

Lecture, Online Education Lecture

IGETC Area 3: Arts and Humanities

3B. Humanities