



## AL 311.01

### Survey of American Literature from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Century

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#### Course Description

This is the first leg of a **survey course** and covers **North American literature** written mainly between the mid-16<sup>th</sup> and the mid-19<sup>th</sup> centuries. In this course, we are going to mostly read selections from **canonical figures of American Literature** and study significant topics and themes underlined by those authors in their historical context. Our primary aim is to learn **the unique aspects of American literature** as it develops over time and explore some of the prominent questions it raises.

#### Class Structure & Requirements

- Although there will be occasional lectures, the class will be based on our discussions of texts, which will require your participation. So, please read the **assigned material for each week**, including the documents uploaded to **Moodle**, and come to class prepared. You can find all **the primary texts** in your course packet.
- Attendance is required. Students **must attend 80 % of all classes**. You can miss class **5 times** at most. **If you fail to meet this attendance requirement, you will not be admitted to the Final Exam. If you don't take the final exam, you can't pass.**
- **%10 of the final grade is attendance.** Each **day you miss means -%2** from your total grade. You cannot **exceed %10**.
- There are going to be **five quizzes** on the **prose works** in your syllabus.
- I will count **the highest four of your four quizzes and take their average** as part of your final grade. It basically means that you can skip or miss one quiz. **Quizzes will constitute %20** of your final grade.
- All the necessary materials for class will be available on Moodle.
- There will be **a Midterm %30** and **a Final exam %40**. You cannot skip any of these. You'll automatically fail.

- **Participation in class discussions** is a significant part of this course and might **boost your final grade up to %3.**
- **Letter Grade Layout: AA** (100-90), **BA** (89-85), **BB** (84-80), **CB** (79-75), **CC** (74-70), **DC** (69-65), **DD** (64-60), (fail) **F** (59-0)

### **Out-of-Class Communication Policy**

- If you have questions about any aspect of class, you can always email me; please do not hesitate. Office hours are for you. Please use them.

### **Weekly Schedule**

**Week 1** (September 27, 29) Introduction, American History

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**Week 2** (October 4,6) Native American Stories

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**Week 3** (October 11,13) Columbus, John Smith, W. Bradford, Cotton Mather

**Quiz 1**

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**Week 4** (October 18,20) Anne Bradstreet

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**Week 5** (October 25,27) Benjamin Franklin, T. Jefferson, Washington Irving

**Quiz 2**

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**Week 6** (November 1,3) R.W. Emerson, H. Thoreau

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**Week 7** (November 8,10) E.A. Poe

**Midterm Week**

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**Week 8** (November 15,17) N. Hawthorne

**Quiz 3**

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**Week 9** (November 22,24) Harriet Jacobs, Frederick Douglass

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**Week 10** (November 29, December 1) H. Melville

**Quiz 4**

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**Week 11** (December 6,8) E.Dickinson

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**Week 12** (December 13,15) Dickinson & Whitman

**Quiz 5**

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**Week 13** (December 20,22) W. Whitman

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