

ENG 309: English Literature I

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COURSE CREDIT: Three semester hours

PREREQUISITES: English 210

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS:

Abrams et al. Eds., *The Norton Anthology of English Literature, Volume I*, (7th ed.).
ISBN: 0-393-97478-1

Recommended:

Abrams, *A Glossary of Literary Terms*, ISBN 0-15-505452-X

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to give students an overview of English Literature from Beowulf to the transition writers

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- A) The student will read a limited number of English Literature texts and analyze them critically
- B) The student will demonstrate an understanding of the social and historical background of the authors
- C) The student will write critical responses to selected literature
- D) The student will apply fundamental literary terms and critical theory
- E) The student will be able to recognize how the major human concerns are depicted by the different authors studied

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Students will read selected works from the literary canon of English literature. Since literature and history mirror and reinforce each other, I strongly encourage that students familiarize themselves with the historical context of each period and author by reading the appropriate introductions. Students are encouraged, but not required, to read additional works from the required text. Reading the opening introduction, pages 1-22, will present the student with an overview of the development of the English language, from its Anglo-Saxon roots to modern day English.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

The student will study the required readings and write short reaction papers to selected passages. The student will take a proctored midterm and a proctored final examination. The student will write one critical research essay in MLA style using at least six secondary sources.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION AND SCALE:

Grades will be determined by applying the following percentages:

Reaction papers (seven)	20%
Midterm exam	20%
Final exam	30%
Critical essay	30%

Grades will be calculated based on the following point scale:

A	900 - 1000 pts
B	800 - 899 pts
C	700 - 799 pts
D	600 - 699 pts
F	Below 600 pts