American Literature I

Course Description
This college transfer course is a study of American Literature from the Colonial Period (1620+) to the Civil War (1860) in conjunction with the political, social, intellectual, and literary history surrounding these writings.

Prerequisites: ENG 102.

3.0 Cr (3 lect/pres, 0 lab, 0 other)

Course Focus
The purpose of this class is to study the development of American literature and the related historical events.

Text and References

Course Goals
The following list of course goals will be addressed in the course. These goals are directly related to the performance objectives. (*designates a CRUCIAL goal)

1. Read colonial era literature
2. Read reason and revolution literature
3. Study American romantic literature
4. Compare literary eras
5. Contrast literary eras
6. Analyze literary styles
7. Compare major themes
8. Define literary eras
9. Describe literary era characteristics
10. Analyze literary elements
11. Understand critical approaches
12. Apply literary approaches
13. Write literary analysis
14. Discuss competing ideas
15. Investigate universal themes
16. Recognize concepts
17. Analyze historical context
18. Identify motifs
19. Consider values
20. Discuss themes
21. Demonstrate critical thinking
22. Identify literary era distinctions
23. Consider socio-economic factors
24. Analyze philosophical trends
25. Investigate cultural influences
26. Study non-European influences
27. Discuss American identity
28. Create research question
29. Conduct scholarly research
30. Explore research question
31. Practice research methods
32. Manage information
33. Support literary hypothesis
34. Use responsible documentation
35. Write literary research essay
36. Develop literary presentations
37. Give literary presentations
38. Prepare collaborative presentations
39. Give collaborative presentations
40. Research biographical information
41. Write biographical profile
42. Compose poetry explication
43. Write comparison essay
44. Produce critical analysis
45. Demonstrate cumulative knowledge

Student Contributions
Each student will spend at least 6 hours per week preparing for class. Attendance is critical in this class.

Course Evaluation
COURSE STANDARDS, EVALUATION METHODS/CRITERIA, GRADING POLICY:
Your final grade will be determined by a combination of the following: quizzes, class assignments, class participation, reading response journal, papers, oral presentations, midterm and final exam. See below for weighting.

The grade scale is as follows:
90 - 100 = A
80 - 89 = B
70 - 79 = C
60 - 69 = D
Below 60 = F
Course Schedule
The class meets for 3 lecture/presentation hours per week.

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ADA STATEMENT
The Technical College of the Lowcountry provides access, equal opportunity and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, education and employment for individuals with disabilities. To request disability accommodation, contact the counselor for students with disabilities at (843) 525-8228 during the first ten business days of the academic term.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT
There is no tolerance at TCL for academic dishonesty and misconduct. The College expects all students to conduct themselves with dignity and to maintain high standards of responsible citizenship.

It is the student’s responsibility to address any questions regarding what might constitute academic misconduct to the course instructor for further clarification.

The College adheres to the Student Code for the South Carolina Technical College System. Copies of the Student Code and Grievance Procedure are provided in the TCL Student Handbook, the Division Office, and the Learning Resources Center.

ATTENDANCE
The College’s statement of policy indicates that students must attend ninety percent of total class hours or they will be in violation of the attendance policy.

- Students not physically attending class during the first ten calendar days from the start of the semester must be dropped from the class for NOT ATTENDING.
- Students taking an online/internet class must sign in and communicate with the instructor within the first ten calendar days from the start of the semester to indicate attendance in the class. Students not attending class during the first ten calendar days from the start of the semester must be dropped from the class for NOT ATTENDING.
- Reinstatement requires the signature of the division dean.

In the event it becomes necessary for a student to withdraw from the course OR if a student stops attending class, it is the student’s responsibility to initiate and complete the necessary paperwork. Withdrawing from class may have consequences associated with financial aid and time to completion.

- When a student exceeds the allowed absences; the student is in violation of the attendance policy. The instructor MUST withdrawal the student with a grade of “W”, “WP”, or “WF” depending on the date the student exceeded the allowed absences and the student’s progress up to the last date of attendance or

- Under extenuating circumstances and at the discretion of the faculty member teaching the class, allow the student to continue in the class and make-up the work. This exception must be documented at the time the allowed absences are exceeded.

- Absences are counted from the first day of class. There are no “excused” absences. All absences are counted, regardless of the reason for the absence.

- A student must take the final exam or be excused from the final exam in order to earn a non-withdrawal grade.
A copy of TCL’s STATEMENT OF POLICY NUMBER: 3-1-307 CLASS ATTENDANCE (WITHDRAWAL) is on file in the Division Office and in the Learning Resources Center.

HAZARDOUS WEATHER
In case weather conditions are so severe that operation of the College may clearly pose a hardship on students and staff traveling to the College, notification of closing will be made through the following radio and television stations: WYKZ 98.7, WGCO 98.3, WGZO 103.1, WFXH 106.1, WWVV 106.9, WLOW 107.9, WGZR 104.9, WFXH 1130 AM, WLVH 101.1, WSOK 1230 AM, WAEV 97.3, WTOC TV, WTGS TV, WJWJ TV, and WSAV TV. Students, faculty and staff are highly encouraged to opt in to the Emergency Text Message Alert System. www.tcl.edu/textalert.asp

EXTRA:

Emergency Text Message Alert
Students, faculty and staff are highly encouraged to opt in to the Emergency Text Message Alert System. Participants receive immediate notification of emergency events and weather cancelations via text messaging on their cell phones. Participants can also opt in to receive non-emergency news and announcements. Go to www.tcl.edu. On the homepage, click on “emergency TextAlert at TCL” and fill out the form or go to www.tcl.edu/textalert.asp

GRADING METHODOLOGY
The final grade must be 70 or more (a grade “C” or better) in order to pass the course and progress to the next course. Students absent from an examination or presentation will receive a “0” grade for the examination unless other arrangements are made with the individual instructor prior to the examination or presentation day or on the examination or presentation day before the test/presentation is scheduled to be given.

The student is responsible for notifying the instructor for the reason of the absence. It is also the responsibility of the student to contact the appropriate instructor to arrange to make up the examination. Arrangements may be completed by telephone.

If the instructor is not available, a message should be left on the instructor’s voice mail AND with another member of the faculty or administrative assistant. The make-up exam will be scheduled and the instructor will decide the method of examination. Messages sent by other students are unacceptable.