NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
HUM 111-112 - GREAT BOOKS I - II (3 CR.) (3 CR.)

Course Description
Introduces selected great works of philosophy and literature with emphasis on close analysis of the text. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose
Introduces the student to world classics in philosophy and literature through close analysis of the text directed discussions and essay.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites
General college entrance competencies.

Course Objectives
Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- analyze major texts in philosophy and literature
- discuss the historical, biographical, and cultural contexts
- trace existing recurrent patterns and themes
- recognize contrasting alternative perspectives among texts

Major Topics to be Included

a. Who is man; what is his destiny?
b. What constitutes the good life?
c. What values are associated with particular writers and particular periods?
d. What significant themes recur in these great books?
e. What major differences are found between individual authors as revealed in their various works?
f. What forms of expression constitute the traditional genres in literature and philosophy?