NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ENG 246 - MAJOR AMERICAN WRITERS (3 CR.)

Course Description
Examines major writers in American literary history. Involves critical reading and writing. The student may not receive credit for both Survey of American Literature and this course. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose
This course, through the Major Authors approach rather than through that of the traditional chronological survey, introduces the student to selected authors whose works represent the development of American literature, provides a background in the cultural movements manifest in the works of these authors, and increases the student's abilities in literary analysis.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites
Prerequisite: ENG 112 or ENG 125 or equivalent or division approval.

Course Objectives
Upon completing the courses the student will be able to:

- to stimulate enjoyment of literary works of the period
- to encourage an appreciation of the works in relationship to the cultures that produced them and to evaluate their relevance and importance for current society
- to develop the ability to read literary texts for meaning, structure, and style
- to develop critical reading, writing, and thinking skills through the analysis of literary works

Student Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- identify representative works of Major American writers
- place these writers in their intellectual-historical context
- read critically and write analytically about works of American literature

Major Topics to be Included
Representative works of any of the following and others as determined by the professor:

- Ann Bradstreet
- Edward Taylor
- Mary Rowlandson
- Ben Franklin
- Thomas Paine
- Philip Frereau
- Phyllis Wheatley
- Washington Irving
- Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Edgar Allan Poe
- Nathaniel Hawthorne
- Herman Melville
- Walt Whitman
- Emily Dickinson
- Bret Harte
- Mark Twain
- Henry James
- Stephen Crane
- Jack London
- Carl Sandburg
- Robert Frost
- T.S. Eliot
- Ezra Pound
- Zora Neale Hurston
- ee cummings
- Claude McKay
- Ernest Hemingway
- F. Scott Fitzgerald
- William Faulkner
- Flannery O'Connor
- Allen Ginsburg
- Alice Walker
- Leslie Silko