NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ENG 255 - MAJOR WRITERS IN WORLD LITERATURE (3 CR.)

Course Description

ENG 255 examines major writers selected from a variety of literary traditions. Involves critical reading and writing. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

This course introduces students to the works of world authors who have influenced the development of world literature. It provides a background to the cultural movements that are manifested in these works and encourages close reading and literary analysis.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

Prerequisite is ENG 112 or ENG 125 or equivalent or division approval.

Course Objectives

A. Common Goals for Literature Surveys:
   1. to stimulate enjoyment of literary works of the period
   2. 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
   3. to develop the ability to read literary texts for meaning, structure, and style
   4. to develop critical reading, writing, and thinking skills through the analysis of literary works

B. Objectives Specific to Major Writers in World Literature

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:
  • identify representative works of major writers in world literature
  • place these writers in their intellectual-historical context
  • read critically and write analytically about works of world literature

Major Topics to be Included

• Major authors of the throughout history
  o The Middle Ages
  o The Renaissance
  o The Neoclassical Period
  o The Romantic Period
  o Realism
  o Naturalism
  o The Modern World

• Major authors will be selected from among the following areas: Europe; Asia; Africa; the Middle East; and North, Central, and South America