

**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?