

## Tamkang University Academic Year 103, 1st Semester Course Syllabus

Course Title	AMERICAN LITERATURE	Instructor	WANG XUDING
Course Class	TFLXE4A DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, 4A	Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Required</li> <li>◆ 1st Semester</li> <li>◆ 3 Credits</li> </ul>

### D e p a r t m e n t a l   A i m   o f   E d u c a t i o n

- I . Cultivate diverse research specialists with abilities in language, literature, culture, and English teaching.
- II. Carry on and further the excellent tradition of domestic language instruction and literary research to be a department contributing equally to research and language teaching.
- III. Foster a holistic learning process by putting equal emphasis on language and literature, theory and practice.
- IV. Strategies
  1. Train students' abilities in five skills: English listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation.
  2. Promote technologicalization and internationalization.
  3. Upgrade the quality and quantity of those students who participate in the Junior Year Abroad program.
  4. Launch a common English Proficiency Test and enhance students' competitiveness in the job market.
  5. Enrich international video conferencing.
  6. Promulgate such areas of research as English and American literature, cultural studies, ecocriticism, and English Teaching.

### D e p a r t m e n t a l   c o r e   c o m p e t e n c e s

- A. Strengthen students' abilities in English listening, speaking, reading, writing and translation.
- B. Develop students' critical thinking skills in an English language learning context.
- C. Strengthen students' workplace English ability.
- D. Develop students' professional abilities in linguistics and English teaching.
- E. Develop students' ability to appreciate Anglophone and Western literatures in cultural and historical contexts.

Course Introduction	<p>This course will examine and study the historical, cultural and literary backgrounds and writing styles of American writers mainly in the 19th and 20th centuries. We will cover important writers such as Benjamin Franklin, Washington Irving, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Edgar Allan Poe, Walt Whitman, Herman Melville, etc. Students are expected to attend all classes, do all the homework, and actively participate in class activities.</p>
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**The Relevance among Teaching Objectives, Objective Levels and Departmental core competences**

I. Objective Levels (select applicable ones) :

- (i) Cognitive Domain : C1-Remembering, C2-Understanding, C3-Applying,  
C4-Analyzing, C5-Evaluating, C6-Creating
- (ii) Psychomotor Domain : P1-Imitation, P2-Mechanism, P3-Independent Operation,  
P4-Linked Operation, P5-Automation, P6-Origination
- (iii) Affective Domain : A1-Receiving, A2-Responding, A3-Valuing,  
A4-Organizing, A5-Characterizing, A6-Implementing

II. The Relevance among Teaching Objectives, Objective Levels and Departmental core competences :

- (i) Determine the objective level(s) in any one of the three learning domains (cognitive, psychomotor, and affective) corresponding to the teaching objective. Each objective should correspond to the objective level(s) of ONLY ONE of the three domains.
- (ii) If more than one objective levels are applicable for each learning domain, select the highest one only. (For example, if the objective levels for Cognitive domain include C3, C5, and C6, select C6 only and fill it in the boxes below. The same rule applies to Psychomotor Domain and Affective Domain.)
- (iii) Determine the Departmental core competences that correspond to each teaching objective. Each objective may correspond to one or more Departmental core competences at a time. (For example, if one objective corresponds to three Departmental core competences: A, AD, and BEF, list all of the three in the box.)

No.	Teaching Objectives	Relevance	
		Objective Levels	Departmental core competences
1	Students will know the biographical, historical and cultural background of both the author and works. They will know how to examine the works with cultural, theoretical and comparative approaches.	A5	E
2	Students will learn the biographical, historical and cultural background of the English authors and their works. Students will understand the themes, characterization, literary styles and critical studies of English literary works. 3. Students will know how to study and analyze English literary works with cultural and critical approaches.	C2	E

**Teaching Objectives, Teaching Methods and Assessment**

No.	Teaching Objectives	Teaching Methods	Assessment
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1	Students will know the biographical, historical and cultural background of both the author and works. They will know how to examine the works with cultural, theoretical and comparative approaches.	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Practicum, Problem solving	Written test, Report, Participation
2	Students will learn the biographical, historical and cultural background of the English authors and their works. Students will understand the themes, characterization, literary styles and critical studies of English literary works. 3. Students will know how to study and analyze English literary works with cultural and critical approaches.	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation	Written test, Practicum, Report, Participation

This course has been designed to cultivate the following essential qualities in TKU students

Essential Qualities of TKU Students	Description
◆ A global perspective	Helping students develop a broader perspective from which to understand international affairs and global development.
◇ Information literacy	Becoming adept at using information technology and learning the proper way to process information.
◆ A vision for the future	Understanding self-growth, social change, and technological development so as to gain the skills necessary to bring about one's future vision.
◆ Moral integrity	Learning how to interact with others, practicing empathy and caring for others, and constructing moral principles with which to solve ethical problems.
◆ Independent thinking	Encouraging students to keenly observe and seek out the source of their problems, and to think logically and critically.
◆ A cheerful attitude and healthy lifestyle	Raising an awareness of the fine balance between one's body and soul and the environment; helping students live a meaningful life.
◆ A spirit of teamwork and dedication	Improving one's ability to communicate and cooperate so as to integrate resources, collaborate with others, and solve problems.
◆ A sense of aesthetic appreciation	Equipping students with the ability to sense and appreciate aesthetic beauty, to express themselves clearly, and to enjoy the creative process.

#### Course Schedule

Week	Date	Subject/Topics	Note
1	103/09/15 ~ 103/09/21	Benjamin Franklin: The Autobiography	
2	103/09/22 ~ 103/09/28	Benjamin Franklin: The Autobiography	
3	103/09/29 ~ 103/10/05	Benjamin Franklin: The Autobiography	

4	103/10/06 ~ 103/10/12	Washington Irving: Rip Van Winkle	
5	103/10/13 ~ 103/10/19	Washington Irving: Rip Van Winkle	
6	103/10/20 ~ 103/10/26	Nathaniel Hawthorne: "Young Goodman Brown"	
7	103/10/27 ~ 103/11/02	Nathaniel Hawthorne: "Young Goodman Brown"	
8	103/11/03 ~ 103/11/09	Edgar Allan Poe: "The Fall of the House of Usher"	
9	103/11/10 ~ 103/11/16	Edgar Allan Poe: "The Fall of the House of Usher"	
10	103/11/17 ~ 103/11/23	Midterm Exam Week	
11	103/11/24 ~ 103/11/30	Walt Whitman: "One's-Self I Sing"	
12	103/12/01 ~ 103/12/07	Walt Whitman: "When I Heard the Learned Astronomer"	
13	103/12/08 ~ 103/12/14	Walt Whitman: "Beat! Beat! Drums!"	
14	103/12/15 ~ 103/12/21	Herman Melville: "Bartleby, the Scrivener"	
15	103/12/22 ~ 103/12/28	Herman Melville: "Bartleby, the Scrivener"	
16	103/12/29 ~ 104/01/04	Emily Dickenson: "These are the days when birds come back"	
17	104/01/05 ~ 104/01/11	Emily Dickenson: "A Light Exists in Spring"	
18	104/01/12 ~ 104/01/18	Final Exam Week	
Requirement	Students should do all the homework, inclass tests and attend classess on time.		
Teaching Facility	Computer, Other (Movies)		
Textbook(s)	Nina Baym, et al ed., The Norton Anthology of American Literature, Shorter 8th Ed., New York: W. W. Norton, 2013.		
Reference(s)	Day, Martin S. A Handbook of American Literature. St. Lucia, Q. : University of Queensland Press, 1975.		
Number of Assignment(s)	3 (Filled in by assignment instructor only)		
Grading Policy	◆ Attendance : 15.0 %   ◆ Mark of Usual : 10.0 %   ◆ Midterm Exam : 30.0 % ◆ Final Exam : 30.0 % ◆ Other <Tests, Presentation> : 15.0 %		

Note	<p>This syllabus may be uploaded at the website of Course Syllabus Management System at <a href="http://info.ais.tku.edu.tw/csp">http://info.ais.tku.edu.tw/csp</a> or through the link of Course Syllabus Upload posted on the home page of TKU Office of Academic Affairs at <a href="http://www.acad.tku.edu.tw/CS/main.php">http://www.acad.tku.edu.tw/CS/main.php</a>.</p> <p>※ <b>Unauthorized photocopying is illegal. Using original textbooks is advised. It is a crime to improperly photocopy others' publications.</b></p>
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