

Tamkang University Academic Year 106, 1st Semester Course Syllabus

Course Title	AMERICAN LITERATURE	Instructor	IRIS RALPH
Course Class	TFLXE4A DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, 4A	Details	◆ Required ◆ 1st Semester ◆ 3 Credits

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	This course is a survey course of American literature. Selected texts range from records of the oral traditions of indigenous North American people to literature by colonizer and settler people from the sixteenth century to the present.
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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	Please see below.	C4	E
2	Please see below.	C3	E
3	Please see full list below.	C5	E
4	Please see below.	C1	E
5	Please see below.	C2	E
6	Please see below	C6	E
7	Please see below.	A1	E
8	Please see below	A2	E
9	Please see below	A3	E

10	Please see below	A4	E
11	Please see below	A5	E
12	Please see below	A6	E
Teaching Objectives, Teaching Methods and Assessment			
No.	Teaching Objectives	Teaching Methods	Assessment
1	Please see below.	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Visit, Problem solving	Written test, Participation
2	Please see below.	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Visit, Problem solving	Written test, Report, Participation
3	Please see full list below.	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Simulation, Visit, Problem solving	Written test, Report, Participation
4	Please see below.	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Simulation, Visit, Problem solving	Written test, Report, Participation
5	Please see below.	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Visit, Problem solving	Written test, Report, Participation
6	Please see below	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Simulation, Visit, Problem solving	Written test, Report, Participation
7	Please see below.	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Simulation, Problem solving	Written test, Participation, homework
8	Please see below	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Simulation, Problem solving	Written test, Participation
9	Please see below	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Simulation, Problem solving	Written test, Participation
10	Please see below	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Simulation, Problem solving	Written test, Participation
11	Please see below	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Simulation, Problem solving	Written test, Participation
12	Please see below	Lecture, Discussion, Appreciation, Simulation, Problem solving	Written test, 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	106/09/18 ~ 106/09/24	Introduction	
2	106/09/25 ~ 106/10/01	Indigenous oral traditions	
3	106/10/02 ~ 106/10/08	Indigenous oral traditions	
4	106/10/09 ~ 106/10/15	Indigenous oral traditions	
5	106/10/16 ~ 106/10/22	Indigenous oral traditions	
6	106/10/23 ~ 106/10/29	Sixteenth century	
7	106/10/30 ~ 106/11/05	Sixteenth century	
8	106/11/06 ~ 106/11/12	Seventeenth century	
9	106/11/13 ~ 106/11/19	Seventeenth century	
10	106/11/20 ~ 106/11/26	Midterm Exam Week	
11	106/11/27 ~ 106/12/03	Eighteenth century	
12	106/12/04 ~ 106/12/10	Eighteenth century	

13	106/12/11 ~ 106/12/17	Nineteenth century	
14	106/12/18 ~ 106/12/24	Nineteenth century	
15	106/12/25 ~ 106/12/31	20th century	
16	107/01/01 ~ 107/01/07	20th century	
17	107/01/08 ~ 107/01/14	21st century	
18	107/01/15 ~ 107/01/21	Final Exam Week	
Requirement	Attendance is compulsory. 1/3 or more missed classes/late arrivals/early leaves constitutes a fail. In addition, marks will be deducted for unsatisfactory participation in class.		
Teaching Facility	Computer, Projector, Other (paper, texts)		
Textbook(s)	The Norton Anthology of American Literature--Short Edition		
Reference(s)			
Number of Assignment(s)	3 (Filled in by assignment instructor only)		
Grading Policy	◆ Attendance : % ◆ Mark of Usual : % ◆ Midterm Exam : 40.0 % ◆ Final Exam : 50.0 % ◆ Other 〈Presentation〉 : 10.0 %		
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