

Course Title : American Literature I

Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
ELL 313	B	5	3	0	0	3.00	5
Lecturer and Office Hours			Tidita Abdurrahmani, Prof. Asoc. Dr.				
Teaching Assistant and Office Hours							
Language			English				
Course Level			Bachelor				
Description			This course introduces the movements, periods and principal authors of American literature from its beginnings to naturalism. It covers the major genres of prose, poetry and drama. Literary texts are analyzed in their historical social, contexts and their unique cultural value is elucidated.				
Objectives			At the end of this course, the student will be able to: 1. Understand and appreciate American literature as historical documents, philosophical reflections on American values and lifestyles and as works of art. 2. Be able to read, analyze and interpret literature and relate it to their own values and experience.				

Course Outline

Week	Topics
1	Early American Literature. Puritan Writings. Slave Narratives.
2	Colonial literature
3	Colonial literature
4	Revolution and reason: American Enlightenment
5	Enlightenment
6	Forging a national literature: Romanticism
7	Romanticism
8	Midterm Exam
9	Civil war literature
10	Abolitionist literature
11	Development of Realism
12	Realism
13	Naturalism
14	Selected works
15	Selected works
16	Final Exam
Prerequisites	
Textbook	• Baym, N., Franklin, W., Gura, P. Krupat, A. (2007). The Norton Anthology of American Literature.
Other References	• Cunliffe, M. (1991). The Literature of the United States of America. 4th ed., Penguin Books, London.
Laboratory Work	-
Computer Usage	Presentation PPT
Other	-

Learning Outcomes and Competences

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Course Evaluation Methods

In-term studies	Quantity	Percentage
Midterms	1	20
Quizzes	0	0
Projects	0	0
Term Projects	1	20
Laboratory	0	0
Attendance	1	10
Contribution of in-term studies to overall grade		50
Contribution of final examination to overall grade		50
Total		100

ECTS (Allocated Based on Student) Workload

Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total Workload (hours)
Course Duration (Including the exam week : 16 x Total course hours)	16	3	48
Hours for off-the-classroom study (Pre-study, practice)	14	3	42
Assignments	1	6	6
Midterms	1	14	14
Final examination	1	13	13
Other	1	2	2
Total Work Load			125
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			5
ECTS			5