

VALENCIA COLLEGE

LIT 1000 22876

Intro to Lit

Spring 2024 Credit Courses

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Course Information

Credit Hours: 3

Class Meeting Times: ONLINE

Course Description: INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE This course will focus on a variety of literary genres, with some emphasis on works by international authors. Students will be introduced to methods of reading and writing critically about literature with a focus on cultural and historical understanding.

Course Outcomes

Analyze texts using literary elements and genre characteristics. Employ writing strategies to interpret literary texts. Utilize critical reading strategies to interpret literary texts. Examine cultural context presented by diverse textual perspectives.

Required Materials

This course uses Open Education Resources/Zero cost course material. There are no required books to purchase for this course; items will be provided to students in the class.

Assessments

Assessments in this course include quizzes, weekly discussions, short answer journals, two creative/reflective writing projects, and a final ePortfolio.

Grading Breakdown:

Discussions	10-20 pts. per discussion
Quizzes	10-20 pts. per quiz
Journals	10-20 pts. per journal
Creative/Reflective Writing Projects	50 pts. per project
Final ePortfolio	100 points

Attendance

Regular attendance and regular class participation are significant factors that promote success in college. For online courses, attendance is determined by consistently logging in and accessing the course content. Students are expected to keep up with classwork and abide by all posted due dates. Most assignments have a short built-in extension in case of minor emergencies. In case of a prolonged absence due to a long-term illness, family emergency, etc., please communicate with the professor as soon as possible in order to determine whether a longer extension is appropriate and to determine student's eligibility to continue in the course.

Academic Honesty

All forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited at Valencia College. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, acts or attempted acts of plagiarism, cheating, furnishing false information, forgery, alteration or misuse of documents, misconduct during a testing situation, facilitating academic dishonesty, and misuse of identification with intent to defraud or deceive.

If a faculty member concludes a student in their class has violated this policy, the faculty member can choose to assign academic penalties that include, without limitation, one or more of the following: loss of credit for the assessment (assignment, examination, project, paper, etc.); a reduction in the course final grade; a grade of "F" as the final grade in the course. The faculty member may also refer the violation for action in accordance with Policy 6Hx28:8-03, Student Code of Conduct.

Note on plagiarism: All work submitted by a student is expected to be the result of the student's individual thoughts, research, and self-expression. Whenever a student uses ideas, wording, or organization from another source, the source must be appropriately acknowledged. Likewise, all work in this course must be new work and cannot have been submitted for credit in any other course. If a student is caught submitting plagiarized work, a first offense will result in a zero score on the assignment and a second offense will result in more severe consequences.

Note on AI: AI writing tools [such as ChatGPT] are not permitted at any stage of the writing process unless specifically assigned by the instructor. Use of these tools will be considered academic dishonesty. The first instance will result in a zero score on the assignment and a second offense will result in a failure of the course.

Student Code of Conduct

Valencia is dedicated not only to the advancement of knowledge and learning but also to the development of responsible personal and social conduct. As a registered student, you assume the responsibility for conducting yourself in a manner that contributes positively to Valencia's learning community and does not impair, interfere with, or obstruct the orderly conduct, processes, and functions of the college as described in the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Disclaimer Statement

Changes to this syllabus, schedule, and/or policy may be made at any time during the course per instructor discretion. These changes will be reasonable and made in the best interest of student learning. Students will be notified of any changes either in class, through Announcements, and/or via the Canvas Inbox conversations tool. Students with any concerns about any changes should discuss it with the instructor as soon as possible.