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## **General Syllabus**

### **ENGL 34443 Literature of Diverse Cultures**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: ENGL 21143 Introduction to Literary and Cultural Studies  
Prerequisite or corequisite: RHET 32053 Textual Research Methods

Effective Catalog: 2023-2024

#### **I. Course Information**

##### **A. Catalog Description**

Emphasizes literature outside of the traditional Western canon. Topics are offered on a rotating basis, and may include the following: African American literature, African literature, Asian literature, Chicano/a literature, and Native American literature. May be repeated when topics differ for a total of 6 hours.

##### **B. Additional Information**

#### **II. Student Learning Outcomes**

##### **A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Analyze the texts studied as well as the historical contexts out of which the texts emerged.
2. Differentiate the cultural signs, traditions, ceremonies, rituals, language(s), legislation, arts, economic/class systems, systems of apartheid (where applicable), and religious beliefs/institutions presented in the literature studied.
3. Research historical/cultural topics relevant to the literature studied.
4. Apply literary terms and conventions significant to the literature studied.

## **B. University Learning Outcomes (ULOs)**

### **Analytical Skills**

#### **Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will identify problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis. Students will analyze a variety of texts for their rhetorical and/or literary features, as well as analyze the rhetorical situation to which the texts they produce respond.

#### **Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will communicate proficiently. Students will practice communication skills through discussions, presentations, and a variety of required written assignments.

#### **Ethical Decision Making**

Students will model ethical decision-making processes. Students will practice critical response to the writing of others, responsible use of research materials and intellectual property, and the ethical use of persuasion.

#### **Global & Cultural Perspectives**

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own. Students will analyze the rhetorical situation, produce texts for a variety of audiences, and avoid the use of biased language.

## **III. Major Course Topics**

Major course topics will vary according to the specific course.