

## ENG 220 – American Literature

### Course Description

Provides a critical survey of the development of American literature from its origins to the present. It covers major authors and works critical to an understanding of major literary genres. Discusses the relationship between society and the rise of specific literary movements.

### Instructional Materials

Perkins, G., & Perkins, B. (2009). *American tradition in literature* (12th ed.). New York, NY: McGraw-Hill.

### Course Learning Outcomes

1. Describe major works and genres in American literature.
2. Analyze the major themes of American texts within their historical, cultural, and philosophical contexts.
3. Explain the relevance of early and modern American texts to contemporary American socio-cultural debates.
4. Analyze American texts from a variety of literary perspectives.
5. Use technology and information resources to research issues in American literature.
6. Write clearly and concisely about American literature using proper writing mechanics.