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Learning Outcomes  
American Literature II — ENG 2201

ENG 2201 Fulfills US Experience in Its Diversity Category for Pathways

3 credits, 3 hours  
Prerequisites: ENG 1101

### Course Description

American writing from the late 19th through the 20th century, with emphasis on the literature as an expression of the cultural and intellectual life of the times. Exams and essays based on readings.

### General Education Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to

- Gather, interpret, and assess information from a variety of sources and points of view.
- Evaluate evidence and arguments critically or analytically.
- Produce well-reasoned written or oral arguments using evidence to support conclusions.

### Pathways Learning Outcomes

#### U.S. Experience in its Diversity

A course in this area must meet at least three of the following additional learning outcomes. A student will:

- Identify and apply the fundamental concepts and methods of a discipline or interdisciplinary field exploring the U.S. experience in its diversity, including, but not limited to, anthropology, communications, cultural studies, economics, history, political science, psychology, public affairs, sociology, and U.S. literature.
- Analyze and explain one or more major themes of U.S. history from more than one informed perspective.
- Evaluate how indigenous populations, slavery, or immigration have shaped the development of the United States.
- Explain and evaluate the role of the United States in international relations.

### Course — Specific Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to

- understand and evaluate the development of American literature, history, and socio-cultural trends from the American Civil War to the present.
- incorporate primary and secondary sources for information on nineteenth and twentieth-century American writing into essays and exams, building on the principles of good writing learned in ENG 1101, including appropriate use of a citation format.
- interpret texts by important American writers, to understand literary representations of American life.

- show how narrative, character development, aspects of language, or textual organization enrich the meaning of the works and relate the aesthetic values of the works to their historical periods and the U.S. experience in its diversity.
- analyze and explain one or more major themes of U.S. history and culture. Analyze and explain one or more major themes of U.S. history and culture from more than one informed literary perspective, including those of racial and ethnic minorities, and of other historically marginalized groups.
- Respond to written and other texts that interpret American history and culture from a variety of perspectives, including those of historically marginalized minorities.

#### Assessment Methods

- Reading and discussion will be measured through grading of discussion question responses and oral participation.
- Written analysis of texts will be measured through grading of essays.
- Knowledge of texts will be measured through quizzes and exams.

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