Moberly Area Community College
Common Syllabus

LAL120 American Literature Survey to 1870

Current Term

Instructor:
Office number:
Office hours:
Contact information:
Classroom number:
Class days and time:

Catalog Description: LAL120 *American Literature Survey to 1870 (3-0-3)
This course is a study of American literature from the Colonial period to the late 19th century, emphasizing reading, interpretation, and criticism of works by major authors. (FA, SP)

Prerequisite/Co-requisite: None

Text: Title: The Norton Anthology of American Literature, Volumes A & B
Author: Baym
Publisher: Norton

Other Required Materials: Per instructor’s policy

Purpose of Course: The purpose of this course is to encourage an appreciation and understanding of American Literature to 1870. Students of this course will overview literature of the major historical periods to 1870 and be introduced to critical theory.

Course Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course, students will
• have read a range of pieces including short story, poetry, and drama,
• have read a sampling of pieces from the entire historical period,
• understand the connection between literature and culture,
• draw connections between literature and critical theory.

Course Content: The course will be arranged in approximate chronological order, tracing the history and development of American letters during this period. For example:

1. From the Earliest Native Stories to the Colonial Neo-Classical period
2. Romanticism
3. Romantic Realism
4. Sentimentalism
5. The Frontier and New Experiments in Poetry
Assessment of Student Learning:
Per Instructor’s Policy. (Examples might include short writings like analyses or think pieces, longer essays, tests, quizzes, etc. The points for the assessments should total the 100% for the course.)

Grading Scale:

100%-90% = A  
89%-80% = B  
79%-70% = C  
69%-60% = D  
59% or below = F

Expected Study Time Commitments:  Students should expect to spend approximately 2 to 4 hours per week studying, reading, and working on assignments for each registered credit hour. For example, 6 to 12 study hours per week may be expected for a 3 credit hour class.

Description of Major Assignment(s)/Project(s):  Per instructor’s policy.

Schedule of Student Assignments/Activities:  Per instructor’s policy (An overview of the semester should be laid out here.)

Statement to Connect Course with General Education Outcomes:  In compliance with MACC's General Education Outcomes, the student who successfully completes this course will be able to:

- Valuing: Students will demonstrate the ability to understand the moral and ethical values of a diverse society; and to appreciate the values of diversity, equity, and sustainability.

Students of American Literature will learn an appreciation of artifacts in literature by reading and connecting them to genres, periods, and cultural context.

College / Instructor Policies:

Academic Dishonesty:  MACC board policy is as follows: “Academic dishonesty by students damages institutional credibility and unfairly jeopardizes honest students; therefore, it will not be tolerated in any form.” Forms of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to the following: violations of copyright law, plagiarism, fabrication, cheating, collusion, and other academic misconduct. Incidents of dishonesty regarding assignments, examinations, classroom/laboratory activities, and/or the submission of misleading or false information to the College will be treated seriously. The procedure for handling academic dishonesty is outlined in the Student Handbook (Policy Handbook M.010). In cases of alleged academic dishonesty, the burden of proof is on the student, not on the instructor.

Attendance Policy:  Students are expected to attend all class sessions for which they are enrolled. The College reserves the right to drop or withdraw students from courses due to lack of attendance.
Students need to be aware that dropping/being dropped from a course and their last date of attendance in the course may impact their financial aid.

MACC faculty are required to track attendance and report lack of attendance. An instructor must complete the appropriate steps to drop a student within one week following the student’s violation of the attendance policy. Additionally, a student’s attendance rate will be calculated based upon the first day the academic session begins (not the student’s date of enrollment in the course). If a student does not attend a course as defined below, the student will be dropped as “Never Attended.”

**Term Length Drop Calculations**

**16-week:** Any student who misses two (2) consecutive weeks of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

**8-week:** Any student who misses one (1) consecutive week of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

**4-week:** Any student who misses two (2) consecutive days of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

**Intersession:** Any student who misses one (1) day of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

Acceptable justification may include, but is not limited to, family emergencies, illness or injury, college-approved co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, and religious holidays.

**Definition of Course Attendance**

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<td>In Seat Course</td>
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| Hybrid Course | Physically attending scheduled, face-to-face, class meetings and active participation in the online portion of the course which may include any or all of the following:  
  - Completion of quizzes or exams during class meetings and online  
  - Submission of assignments during class meetings and online  
  - Participation in discussions during class meetings and online |
Online Course: Active participation in an online course includes the following:

- Completion of quizzes or exams
- Submission of assignments
- Participation in threaded discussions

Simply logging into the Learning Management System (Canvas) and/or accessing the course and course related material does not constitute active participation for the online component of hybrid courses or for online courses. *(Policy Handbook, I.090 & M.095)*

(Other Instructor notes, as long as they do not conflict with MACC’s policy, can be included here.)

**Tardiness:** Per instructor’s policy

**Make-up and late work:** Per instructor’s policy

**Extra-credit work:** Per instructor’s policy (do not offer excessive extra credit)

**Student Email:** MACC Mail is the official student email system at MACC. Official college communication is sent via this email system. Students are responsible for checking their MACC Mail account regularly. Students may also receive notifications and reminders from MACC through the online learning platform. However, students should remain aware that the online learning platform messaging system and MACC Mail (student email) system are two separate systems.

**ADA Statement:** Students who have disabilities that qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act may register for assistance through the Office of Access and ADA Services. Students are invited to contact the Access Office to confidentially discuss disability information, academic accommodations, appropriate documentation and procedures. For more information, please call either the Moberly office at (660) 263-4100 x 11240 or the Columbia office at (573) 234-1067 x 12120, or visit our web page at http://www.macc.edu/index.php/services/access-office.

**Title IX Statement:** MACC maintains a strict policy prohibiting sexual misconduct in any form, including sexual harassment, sexual discrimination, and sexual violence. All MACC employees, including faculty members, are considered mandated reporters of sexual misconduct and as such are expected to contact the Title IX Coordinator when they become aware, in conversation or in writing, of an incident of sexual misconduct. For more information on this policy or to learn about support resources, please see http://www.macc.edu/sexual-misconduct-policy (links to an external site) or contact Ms. Cheryl Lybarger, MACC’s Title IX Coordinator, at 660-263-4110, ext. 11369 or CherylLybarger@macc.edu.