

Common Course Outline

English 242

Modern Literature

3 Credit Hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Modern Literature

Provides a detailed study and analysis of selected works of modern Western literature, written from 1850 to 1950.

Prerequisite: ENGL 101

Overall Course Objectives

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

1. recognize and discuss the major trends in Modernist texts, such as, realism, naturalism, symbolism, etc.
2. recognize and discuss the aesthetic and philosophical foundations of Modernism.
3. write and speak knowledgeably concerning the ways in which Modernist texts both reflect the literary traditions which preceded them and anticipate those which followed.
4. respond critically to representative Modernist texts.
5. apply a variety of literary approaches to the analysis of Modernist texts.
6. speak and write knowledgeably about the genres of the period (fiction, poetry, drama, journals).
7. assess the ways in which the selected literature reflects and also contributes to its particular historical moment and cultural context.
8. write an informed literary analysis with a thesis and textual support.
9. access and apply relevant literary criticism found both in traditional sources and through the internet.
10. work collaboratively on questions and problems related to the texts

11. analyze the ways in which issues of race, ethnicity, gender, class, and religion inform Modernist texts.
12. place selected Modernist writers in their historical, social, and biographical contexts.
13. Locate, discuss, and respond in writing to scholarly works on the Modernist period and its writers.

Major Topics

- Modernism – the cultural and historical period
- Modernism – the literary movement
- Selected Modernist texts
- Film studies of the selected texts
- Biography and autobiography
- Genre studies

Course Requirements

Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

- Participate in class discussions
- Write at least two papers which may be reader response literary analysis, documented research, or a combination of both
- Write at least one essay exam