

# **Common Course Outline**

**ENGL. 251**

**Studies in Poetry**

**3 Semester Hours**

## **The Community College of Baltimore County**

### **Description**

#### **Studies in Poetry**

Explores poetry with emphasis on history, theme, topic, or trend.

Prerequisite: ENGL 101 or permission of instructor

### **Overall Course Objectives**

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

1. Identify the characteristics of poetry as a genre
2. Identify the characteristics of diverse poetic modes
3. Use the terminology of poetic analysis
4. Express their interpretations of poems in oral form
5. Express their interpretations of poems in written form
6. Demonstrate a familiarity with diverse poets
7. Demonstrate a familiarity with various trends in poetry
8. Understand and apply various theories of poetry
9. Access and apply relevant literary criticism found in traditional sources and through the Internet
10. Work collaboratively on questions and problems related to the poetic texts

### **Major Topics**

- Poetry from a variety of historical periods
- Poetry from different cultures
- Critical theories for interpreting poetry
- Elements of poetry

### **Course Requirements**

- Oral participation in class discussion
- In-class writing
- Oral presentation
- At least two papers, at least one of which requires the use of secondary sources
- At least one exam with an essay component

