

Northwestern Connecticut Community College
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Gay and Lesbian Literature

Course #: ENG* 266

Course Description:

This is a survey course in literature written by, about, or for gay men and lesbians in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. We will study a variety of representations of homosexuality in a selection of fictional and non-fictional texts. The course will examine the concept of *gay and lesbian literature* as a genre in order to better understand the relationship between literary expression, personal identity, and our modern views on sexuality as a society.

This class is offered to students of all different sexual orientations and identities. This class is for those who are interested in gay & lesbian identity, whether this relates to someone who is transsexual, heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, transgendered, queer, or of any other sexual orientation or identity. This class will be a safe space for any questions or comments related to the literature we read, class discussions, or other related themes that will emerge over the course of the term.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: Prerequisite: ENG* 101 and 102 or consent of instructor.

Goals:

- To enhance the students' awareness and understanding of the experience of gay and lesbian writers through the study and interpretation of literary works.
- To expand the students' understanding of literary analysis and criticism.
- To further refine the students' skills in researching and writing about literature.
- To stimulate students' thinking about the relationship between sexuality and literature

Outcomes:

By the end of English 266, students will be able to demonstrate:

- Ability to analyze various literary texts by gay and lesbian writers.
- Ability to use a vocabulary suited to analyzing and writing about literature in responding to these texts.
- Competence in writing papers that demonstrate that students are able
 - to do a close reading of a text
 - to use literary criticism and other primary & secondary materials to interpret the text and its context.

- Independent critical thinking directed at the comprehension and criticism/analysis of literature, paying special attention to the influence of sexuality.

College Policies

Plagiarism: Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanctions ranging from failure of the assignment (receiving a zero), failing the course, being removed/expelled from the program and/or the College. Please refer to your “Student Handbook” under “Policy on Student Rights,” the Section entitled “Student Discipline,” or the College catalog for additional information.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented learning, physical, or psychiatric disabilities. Students should notify Dr. Christine Woodcock, the Counselor for Students with Disabilities. She is located at Green Woods Hall, in the Center for Student Development. Her phone number is 860-738-6318 and her email is cwoodcock@nwcc.edu.

School Cancellations: If snowy or icy driving conditions cause the postponement or cancellation of classes, announcements will be made on local radio and television stations and posted on the College’s website at www.nwcc.edu. Students may also call the College directly at **(860) 738-6464** to hear a recorded message concerning any inclement weather closings. Students are urged to exercise their own judgment if road conditions in their localities are hazardous.

Use of Electronic Devices: Some course content as presented in Blackboard Learn is not fully supported on mobile devices at this time. While mobile devices provide convenient access to check in and read information about your courses, they should not be used to perform work such as taking tests, quizzes, completing assignments, or submitting substantive discussion posts.

Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team: NCCC is committed to creating a community that is safe and supportive of people of all gender and sexual identities. This pertains to the entire campus community, whether on ground or virtual, students, faculty, or staff.

Sexual assault and intimate partner violence is an affront to our national conscience, and one we cannot ignore. It is our hope that no one within our campus community will become a victim of these crimes. However, if it occurs, NCCC has created the SART Team - Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team - to meet the victim’s needs.

SART is a campus and community based team that is fully trained to provide trauma-informed compassionate service and referrals for comprehensive care. The team works in partnership with The Susan B. Anthony Project to extend services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year.

The NCCC team members are:

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At NCCC we care about our students, staff and faculty and their well-being. It is our intention to facilitate the resources needed to help achieve both physical and emotional health.