

Northwestern Connecticut Community College
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: WOMEN IN LITERATURE

Course #: ENG* 262

Course Description:

3 semester hours

This course will introduce students to a variety of contemporary women writers. Focus will be on both the diversity and commonality of women's experience, as explored in 20th and 21st century short story, novel, memoir, and poetry.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: Prerequisite: ENG* 102 or consent of instructor. (Formerly Eng. 218)

Goals:

- To enhance the students' awareness and understanding of the experience of women 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 gender and literature

Outcomes:

- By the end of English 262, students will be able to demonstrate:
- Ability to analyze various literary texts by women 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 gender.