

ENGL 253

Studies in the Novel

3 Credits: (3 Lecture hours per week)

Community College of Baltimore County
Common Course Outline

Description

ENGL 253 – Studies in the Novel: A study of the novel with emphasis on history, theme, topic, or trend. Class participation and critical writing essential.

Pre-requisites: ENGL 101 or consent of instructor

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify the characteristics of the novel as genre;
2. Identify various sub-genres or trends of the novel;
3. Read novels critically;
4. Write a well-informed literary analysis using appropriate terminology and textual support;
5. Access and apply relevant literary criticism found both in traditional sources and through the Internet;
6. Work collaboratively on questions and problems related to the texts and on developing and refining their written work;
7. Engage in critical/collaborative discussion about a text's relevance to life today and whether and how contemporary readers can benefit from it;
8. Analyze the ways in which issues of race gender and class shape works of literature, particularly novels;
9. Analyze selected novels, including both canonical and non-canonical texts and texts representative of the wide diversity of racial and ethnic cultures that have contributed to the history of the novel; and
10. Incorporate literary criticism into their own textual and analyses.

Major Topics

- I. Origins of the novel
- II. Sub-genre(s)
- III. Genre theory
- IV. Internet/Literary Research

Course Requirements

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

- Participate actively in class discussions

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- Write at least two essays and take at least one exam with an essay component, for a total of not less than 2,500 words
- Participate in at least two projects or in-class exercises that require collaborative work
- Present information orally to the class at least once during the semester

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the style selected by their professor.

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