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**General Syllabus**

**ENGL 4903 Special Topics in Literature**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: ENGL 2113 Introduction to Literary and Cultural Studies

Prerequisite or corequisite: RHET 3203 Textual Research Methods

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

**I. Course Information**

**A. Catalog Description**

Critical study of literature not included in other course offerings. Topics vary, often crossing geographic and temporal lines and usually dealing with a specific genre or a theme. May be repeated, when topics differ, for a total of nine hours.

**B. Additional Information – None**

**II. Student Learning Outcomes**

**A. Subject Matter**

Since this is a Special Topics offering, outcomes vary according to topic.

**B. University Learning Outcomes (ULOs)**

**Analytical Skills**

**Critical Thinking Skills:** Students will use critical thinking skills to identify problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis. Students will analyze a variety of texts for their rhetorical and/or literary features, as well as analyze the rhetorical situation to which the texts they produce respond.

**Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will communicate proficiently. Students will practice communication skills through discussions, presentations, and a variety of required written assignments.

**Ethical Decision Making**

Students will model ethical decision-making processes. Students will practice critical response to the writing of others, responsible use of research materials and intellectual property, and the ethical use of persuasion.

**Global & Cultural Perspectives**

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own. Students will analyze the rhetorical situation, produce texts for a variety of audiences, and avoid the use of biased language.

**III. Major Course Topics**

Topics vary by semester.