

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE
SYLLABUS

ENG 180 LITERATURE OF THE AMERICAN WEST/GE

Credit Hours: 3 Lec 3

PREREQUISITE: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A literary study of this region and its influence on American culture. Students will explore what significant authors have written about the West in works of both fact and fiction. In addition, students will discuss the importance of distinguishing literary western writing from popular works.

1. COURSE GOALS

- 1.1 Define “the West” and the significance of its literature.
- 1.2 Examine how diverse cultures have shaped the West and its literature.
- 1.3 Gain a historical and literary understanding of Western authors.

2. OUTCOMES

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

- 2.1 Interpret the historical, political, and social relationships, as well as literary influences evident in literature of the American West.
- 2.2 Compare and contrast opposing cultural values.
- 2.3 Analyze culture and individual similarity as well as uniqueness.
- 2.4 Discuss minority issues (Native American, women, Hispanic, environmental, animal rights, etc.)

3. AWC GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) CATEGORY & CRITERIA

ARTS & HUMANITIES

- The analysis, interpretation, and/or creation of cultural, artistic, and/or intellectual artifacts
- The importance of global awareness, intercultural knowledge, and intellectual humility, objectivity, and/or curiosity, by situating cultural, artistic, and/or intellectual artifacts in a diverse range of cultural, historical, and intellectual contexts
- The exploration of ideological, philosophical, existential, and/or moral questions with the possibility of developing informed civic and ethical identities through study and/or creative self-expression

4. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 4.1 Lecture
- 4.2 Critical reading skills
- 4.3 Small group and class discussion
- 4.4 Audio-visual aids

5. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 5.1 Critically read all assigned readings and demonstrate regular class attendance and participation
- 5.2 Students will lead selected discussions
- 5.3 Be prepared for class discussions
- 5.4 Quizzes, midterm and final exam
- 5.5 Literature response papers (1,250 words)

6. EVALUATION

- 6.1 Attendance and participation required
- 6.2 Quizzes
- 6.3 Midterm exam
- 6.4 Comprehensive final exam
- 6.5 Literature analysis paper

7. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 7.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 7.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 7.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 7.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
- 7.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester.
Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.
For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
 - Submitting an academic assignment
 - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
 - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
 - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
 - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course