

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE
SYLLABUS

ENG 247 Chicana/o Literature/GE

Credit Hours: 3 Lec 3

PREREQUISITE: ENG 101

NOTE: ENG 102 is recommended

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce the works of Mexican-American writers of the Southwest and explore how Chicanos have used creative writing to reflect upon and express their experiences as people of Mexican descent living within the United States. Works include poetry, fiction, and essays viewed in their relationship to American cultural heritage and to contemporary culture.

1. **COURSE GOALS**

- 1.1 To analyze contemporary Chicano drama, fiction and poetry within their cultural and historical contexts.
- 1.2 To explore the intersections of identity and region, particularly as it pertains to the US/Mexican border.
- 1.3 To create awareness of human relationships, art and an appreciation of cultural diversity.

2. **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will:

- 2.1 Understand how Mexican Americans have expressed themselves through creative fiction and poetry;
- 2.2 Contextualize the historical and literary trends that influenced these writings;
- 2.3 Develop skills in literary analysis and close reading;
- 2.4 Use both primary readings as inspiration for making your own contribution to the realm of Chicana/o literature

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
- The creation and/or re-creation of artistic works culminating in individual or group exhibition, publication, production, or performance

4. **METHODS OF INSTRUCTION**

- 4.1 Class discussions
- 4.2 Lectures
- 4.3 Tests and quizzes
- 4.4 Writing assignments
- 4.5 Audio-visual presentations
- 4.6 Student reports

5. **LEARNING ACTIVITIES**

- 5.1 Reading
- 5.2 Writing (Journals, Critical Analyses, Oral Histories)
- 5.3 Discussions

6. EVALUATION

- 6.1 Tests
- 6.2 Attendance and reading quizzes (no make-up)
- 6.3 Contribution to class discussion
- 6.4 Students reports
- 6.5 Grades will be based on achievement of objectives

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