

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
26EN512	AMERICAN LITERATURE	04

Course Objectives

- To introduce students to major literary movements in American literature from the nineteenth century to the contemporary period.
- To familiarize learners with representative works across genres such as poetry, fiction, drama, and prose.
- To develop an understanding of the cultural, historical, and philosophical contexts shaping American literary traditions.
- To enhance students' critical reading, interpretation, and analytical skills.
- To encourage appreciation of diverse voices, including African-American and multicultural perspectives in American literature.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course it is intended that student will be able to:

- Identify and explain key literary movements such as Transcendentalism, Realism, Modernism, and Multiculturalism.
- Analyze and interpret literary texts across genres including poetry, fiction, drama, and essays.
- Understand the relationship between literature and socio-cultural contexts in America.
- Critically evaluate themes such as identity, race, individualism, and social justice.
- Demonstrate improved analytical and academic writing skills in literary studies.

Unit 1 - Literary Movements and Contexts (12 Hrs.)

American Renaissance and Transcendentalism
Realism and Naturalism
Harlem Renaissance
Modernism and Postmodernism
Multiculturalism in American Literature

Unit 2 – Poetry (12 Hrs.)

Walt Whitman – “Song of Myself”
Maya Angelou – “Still I Rise”
Langston Hughes – “The Negro Speaks of Rivers”
Edgar Allan Poe- “The Raven”

Unit 3 - Fiction (12 Hrs.)

Mark Twain - *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
Ernest Hemingway- *The Old Man and Sea*

Unit 4 – Drama (12 Hrs.)

Eugene O'Neill – *The Hairy Ape*
Tennessee Williams – *The Glass Menagerie*

Unit 5 - Prose, Essays, Short Fiction and Speech (12 Hrs.)

Henry David Thoreau: “Economy”
Ralph Waldo Emerson – “Self-Reliance”
Alice Walker – “Everyday Use”
Martin Luther King Jr- “I Have a Dream”

Reference Books:

1. Angelou, Maya. “Still I Rise.” *And Still I Rise*, Random House, 1978.
2. Emerson, Ralph Waldo. “Self-Reliance.” *Essays: First Series*, James Munroe and Company, 1841.
3. Hemingway, Ernest. *The Old Man and the Sea*. Charles Scribner's Sons, 1952.
4. Hughes, Langston. “The Negro Speaks of Rivers.” *The Crisis*, NAACP (The Crisis Magazine), 1921.
5. King, Martin Luther Jr.. “I Have a Dream.” *The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom*, 28 Aug. 1963. (No formal publisher; speech)
6. O'Neill, Eugene. *The Hairy Ape*. Boni and Liveright, 1922.
7. Poe, Edgar Allan. “The Raven.” *Evening Mirror*, Evening Mirror, 1845.
8. Thoreau, Henry David. “Economy.” *Walden*, Ticknor and Fields, 1854.
9. Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Charles L. Webster and Company, 1884.
10. Walker, Alice. “Everyday Use.” *In Love and Trouble: Stories of Black Women*, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1973.
11. Whitman, Walt. “Song of Myself.” *Leaves of Grass*, Self-published, 1855
12. Williams, Tennessee. *The Glass Menagerie*. Random House, 1945.

COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Mapping – 26EN512

Course Outcomes	On successful completion of this course, students will be able to	BTL
CO1	Recall and explain major literary movements such as Transcendentalism, Realism, Modernism, and Multiculturalism.	K1,K2
CO2	Apply knowledge of literary genres such as poetry, fiction, drama, and prose to interpret American texts.	K3
CO3	Analyze themes such as identity, race, individualism, and social justice in American literature.	K4
CO4	Evaluate the cultural, historical, and philosophical contexts influencing American literary traditions.	K5
CO5	Develop critical interpretations and academic writing skills through comparative study of American texts.	K6

BTL K1 and K2 – remembering and understanding, K3- Applying, K4 – Analyse, K5- Evaluate and K6- Create

Relationship Matrix – 26EN512

Course Outcomes	Programme Outcomes (POs)						Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)						Mean Score of Cos
	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	
CO1	3	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1.50
CO2	3	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	1.92
CO3	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	1	2.00
CO4	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	3	1	1.83
CO5	3	2	3	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	2.17
Total													1.88

Mean Score: 3- High, 2- Medium/Moderate, 1-Low