

Great Books Courses

ENGL 5 INTRODUCTION TO GREAT BOOKS

3 units • LG-C/NC • Three hours lecture

An introduction to the theory, precepts, and history of Great Books and the Monterey Peninsula College Great Books Program including the nature of and criteria for greatness, the relationship between Great Books and democracy, the “Great Conversation,” instruction in how to read challenging texts, and the unique characteristics of typographic texts. Offered online.

Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGL 1A

Course advisory: ENGL 1B

Credit transferable: CSU, UC

General Ed. Credit: CSU, Area C2; MPC, Area C

ENGL 17 INTRODUCTION TO SHAKESPEARE

3 units • LG-C/NC • Three hours lecture

Students read a selected number of Shakespeare’s histories, tragedies and sonnets. Emphasis on the reading of Shakespeare for enjoyment, leading to an understanding of good theatre, an appreciation of the beauty of his language and an awareness of the values of his plays for our time.

Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGL 1A

Course advisory: ENGL 1B

Credit transferable: CSU, UC

General Ed. Credit: CSU, Area C2; IGETC, Area 3B; MPC, Area C

ENGL 18 THE BIBLE AS LITERATURE

3 units • LG-C/NC • Three hours lecture

This course provides an introduction to the Bible as a literary document, with a focus on composition, forms, style and symbolism including consideration of the historical and cultural significance of the Bible as literature.

Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGL 1A

Course advisory: ENGL 1B

Credit transferable: CSU, UC

General Ed. Credit: CSU, Area C2; IGETC, Area 3B; MPC, Area C

ENGL 44 MASTERPIECES OF LITERATURE I

3 units • LG-C/NC • Three hours lecture

Surveys a selection of representative masterworks from key periods of western culture, from the Greeks to the Renaissance. All major genres are covered, including poetry, narrative, and drama. Includes discussion, writing, and the application of critical techniques as a means of developing critical analysis. Also offered online.

Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGL 1A

Course advisory: ENGL 1B

Credit transferable: CSU, UC

General Ed. Credit: CSU, Area C2; IGETC, Area 3B; MPC, Area C

ENGL 45 MASTERPIECES OF LITERATURE II

3 units • LG-C/NC • Three hours lecture

Surveys a selection of representative masterworks from key periods of western culture, including the Enlightenment, Romantic period, Victorian, and Modern. All the major genres are covered, including poetry, narrative, and drama. Includes discussion, writing, and the application of critical techniques as a means of developing critical analysis. Also offered online.

Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGL 1A

Course advisory: ENGL 1B

Credit transferable: CSU, UC

General Ed. Credit: CSU, Area C2; IGETC, Area 3B; MPC, Area C

ENGL 46 SURVEY OF BRITISH LITERATURE I

3 units • LG-C/NC • Three hours lecture

This class provides a survey of outstanding British writers and significant literary trends from Beowulf through the 18th Century. Emphasis is placed on enjoyment and appreciation of such writers as Chaucer, Shakespeare, Spenser, Donne, Ben Jonson, Milton, Dryden, Swift, Addison, Steele, Pope, and Samuel Johnson. (CAN ENGL 8) (ENGL 46 + ENGL 47 = CAN ENGL SEQ B)

Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGL 1A

Course advisory: ENGL 1B

Credit transferable: CSU, UC

General Ed. Credit: CSU, Area C2; IGETC, Area 3B; MPC, Area C

ENGL 47 SURVEY OF BRITISH LITERATURE II

3 units • LG-C/NC • Three hours lecture

A survey of outstanding British writers and significant literary trends from the beginning of the Romantic Period (1789) to the present. Emphasis on enjoyment and appreciation of such writers as Wordsworth, Coleridge, Shelley, Keats, Tennyson, Browning, Bronte, Hardy, Hopkins, Yeats, Woolf, Joyce, Lawrence, Eliot, and Lessing. (CAN ENGL 10) (ENGL 46 + ENGL 47 = CAN ENGL SEQ B)

Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENGL 1A

Course advisory: ENGL 1B

Credit transferable: CSU, UC

General Ed. Credit: CSU, Area C2; IGETC, Area 3B; MPC, Area C

HIST 47 HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN AND NEAR EAST

3 units • LG-C/NC • Three hours lecture

Students learn about the rise, development, and growth of civilization in the ancient Mediterranean world while focusing on major kingdoms, cultures, and institutions through the study of history, literature, archaeology, art, and religion of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, and Byzantium. This course provides background to HIST 48.

Advisories: Eligibility for ENGL 111 and 112 or ENSL 110 and 155

Credit transferable: CSU, UC

General Ed. Credit: CSU, Area C2, D; IGETC, Area 3B, 4F; MPC, Area D

PHIL 2 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

3 units • LG-C/NC • Three hours lecture

This course examines fundamental questions of philosophy through discussion of selected philosophers and student ideas. It compares philosophy to common sense, science, and religion, and explores the meaning of self-identity, human freedom, ethical values, immortality, and the existence of God. (CAN PHIL 2)

Advisory: Eligibility for ENGL 1A

Credit transferable: CSU, UC

General Ed. Credit: CSU, Area C2; IGETC, Area 3B; MPC, Area C