

## ***Fall/Winter 2017-2018***

**AP/EN 2230 6.0A (Y)**

### ***INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN LITERATURE***

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**Delivery Format:**

Lecture

**Time:**

Lecture: Mondays 10:30am-12:30pm  
Tutorials: Mondays 12:30-1:30pm, 1:30-2:30pm, 2:30-3:30pm, 12:30-1:30pm

**Description:**

This course introduces students to American literature from its beginnings to the present day. We shall begin in the 16th century with Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca's "The Relation of Alvar Cabeza de Vaca" and we shall conclude in the 21st century with Junot Diaz's *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*. Our texts include non-fiction, fiction, poetry, and drama. Aside from the generic and rhetorical material, we shall engage with psychoanalytical, feminist, and reader-response/response theory.

**Category:**

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**Area:**

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**Period:**

N/A

**Historical Requirement:**

Period II (1700-1900)

**Requirements:**

essay 1 (3-4 pages) 10%;  
essay 2 (6-8 pages) 15%;  
mid-term test 20%;  
essay 3 (8-10 pages) 20%;  
final test 20%;  
participation 15%

**Reading List:**

Baym, Nina, ed. *The Norton Anthology of American Literature* (shorter 8th edition). New York: Norton, 2013  
Diaz, Junot. *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*. New York: Riverhead, 2008  
Hawthorne, Nathaniel. *The Scarlet Letter* (any edition)  
Morrison, Toni. *God Help the Child*. Vintage Canada Edition 2016

**Open To:**

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