

COURSE OUTLINE

ENGL-212

By and About Women

3 Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

By and About Women studies literature written by female authors and/or about female characters. Students critically evaluate a variety of texts for form and technique. In addition, students analyze the validity of the female experience as portrayed in literature and are expected to gain insight into the challenges and power of women in literature and in life. This course is writing intensive. Prerequisite: ENGL-121. (3 hours weekly)

NOTE: Also listed as WMST-212.

Statement on General Education and Liberal Learning

A liberal education prepares students to lead ethical, productive, and creative lives and to understand how the pursuit of lifelong learning and critical thinking fosters good citizenship. General education courses form the core of a liberal education within the higher education curriculum and provide a coherent intellectual experience for all students by introducing the fundamental concepts and methods of inquiry in the areas of mathematics, the physical and natural sciences, the social sciences, the arts and the humanities, and composition. This course is part of the general education core experience at Howard Community College.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Recognize literary terms, concepts, critical strategies and stylistic characters in literature by and about women.
2. Demonstrate critical and independent thinking in the interpretation of texts.
3. Write analytically about literary works, using appropriate research and documentation.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of ways the literature studied reflects its intellectual, social, historical, and cultural contexts.
5. Evaluate the power of literature to address personal values and goals and to challenge human endeavors.
6. Demonstrate an understanding of the unique contribution of women writers, as well as insight into female experiences as portrayed in literature.

Major Topics

- I. Women at the Turn of the Century
- II. WWI Era
- III. WWII Era
- IV. The Sixties and Beyond

Course Requirements

Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but may include exams, papers and class participation. Specific writing assignments will require at least 2,500 words of formal academic writing, as well as informal in-class assignments to explore ideas and respond to class materials.

Other Course Information

This course is a Literature and Humanities core course and a Humanities, English, and Arts and Sciences elective.