

COURSE OUTLINE
ENGL-213
Latin American Literature
3 Credits

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

Latin American Literature, in English translation, from the pre-Colonial era to the present, introduces students to major literary topics and themes within a variety of Latin American nations and cultures, including indigenous and Afro-Latin voices. Genres studied include the novel, the short story, poetry, the testimonial narrative, and historical nonfiction. Readings, films, and discussion help provide the social and historical context necessary for understanding and appreciating Latin American literature from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America. This course is writing intensive. Prerequisite: ENGL-121. (3 hours weekly).

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 the texts studied.
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 multicultural contexts.
5. Evaluate the power of literature to address personal values and goals and to challenge human endeavors.
6. Identify and explain the significance of the different periods in Latin American literature, from pre-Colonial times to the present.

Major Topics

- I. Indigenous Literature
- II. Literature of Conquest, Slavery, and Colonialism
- III. Latin American Literature of the 19th Century
- IV. Latin American Literature from 1900-1950
- V. Latin American Literature from 1950 to the present

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 writing exhibiting college writing standards, 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.