SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number:	ENGL 402	Department:	English		
Course Title:	American Literature II	Semester:	Spring	Year:	1999

Objectives/Competencies

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1. To develop awareness of the relationship between American literature and other facets of American culture from the Civil War to the present.	1. Students read and discuss representative works of literature produced by major American authors since the Civil War.
2. To improve students' understanding of universal human motivation and behavior as represented in the works of major American authors since the Civil War.	 Students' written work demonstrates an understanding of cultural, political, and religious or philosophical contexts of the works read.
3. To introduce students to the styles and themes of major American authors since the Civil War.	
4. To develop awareness of literary genres employed by major American authors since the Civil War.	 Students discuss and write about literary works in a manner that demonstrates their understanding of the elements of style, theme, and genre.
5. To develop an awareness of the cultural and historical contexts of the works read and discussed.	1. Students identify and comment on the significance of

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6. To improve students' interpretive reading skills.	important representative quotations from the works of authors they have discussed in class.
7. To improve students' analytical writing skills.	 Students write critical papers and essay examinations tracing the development of major themes of American literature from the Civil War to the present.