SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number:	ENGL 302	Department:	English			
Course Title:	American Literature I	Semester:	Spring	Year:	1999	

Objectives/Competencies

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1. To develop awareness of the relationship between American culture and its literature during the Colonial, Revolutionary, Early National, and Romantic periods.	1. Students read and discuss representative works of literature produced by major American authors between 1620 and 1860.		
2. To develop awareness of the cultural and historical contexts of the works of major American authors from 1620 to the Civil War.	1. Students' written work demonstrates their understanding of the cultural, political, and religious or philosophical contexts of the works read.		
3. To introduce students to the styles and themes of various authors of these periods of literature.	1. Students discuss and write about literary works in a manner that demonstrates their understanding of the elements of style, theme, and genre.		
4. To improve students' understanding of universal human motivation and behavior as represented in the works of major American authors from 1620 to 1860.	1. Students identify and comment on the significance of important representative quotations from the works of authors they have discussed in class.		
5. To improve students' interpretive reading skills.	Students write critical papers and essay examinations tracing the development of major themes of American		

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6. To improve students' analytical writing skills.	literature during the periods discussed.		
7. Improve interpretative and evaluative reading skills.	1. Read the literature with perception and sensitivity.		
8. Improve interpretative and evaluative writing.	1. Write journal entries, paper, and exam essays that reveal understanding of the literature and mature, college-level composition skills.		
9. Encourage oral communication.	Engage actively in the classroom dialogue about the readings.		