

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number: ENGL-309 Department: ENFL  
Course Title: Sex and Sexualities in Western Literature Semester: Spring Year: 2007

Course Objective	Competencies
<p>The objectives of this course are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To have students investigate and evaluate the concept of static boundaries of sexuality. Students will be encouraged to recognize that these classifications (like those of race and gender) are arbitrary, fluid, and constructed by societal discourses.</li><li>2. To provide students with the means to critically examine texts through different theoretical lenses. Students will not only be asked to read and analyze works while being aware of their own constructed biases, but also appreciate how readers of the same text reach divergent critical interpretations.</li><li>3. To expose students to the range of methods authors utilize to convey "sensitive" and often times illicit behavior, experience, and desires.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Student demonstrates ability to evaluate and reflect on the topic.</li><li>2. Student uses ability to analyze the topic in various and appropriate contexts, including social, historical, political, and scientific.</li></ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Student uses clear logical patterns of thinking, argumentation, and questioning, and student shows development of overall critical thinking skills.</li><li>2. Student is able to discern different points of view.</li></ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Student demonstrates ability to engage in close-reading of texts.</li><li>2. Student is able to analyze the components of various writing styles and their influence on respective texts</li></ol>