

North Hennepin Community College

ENGL 2390: American Working-Class Literature

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 0

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course, providing much needed exposure to a largely overlooked body of writings, introduces students to a variety of classical and contemporary working-class texts that demonstrate literatures rich engagement with industrial, agricultural, domestic, and/or other labor in the United States. Encompassing writings by and about laborers and persons associated with labor, working-class literature reveals the often hidden ways that the material conditions and cultural expectations tied to class and work influence the shape of daily life and its literary expressions. Featuring textual, visual, and/or audio cultural productions, the course is designed to examine the problems and questions raised by working-class texts, which may include the changing nature of work, the dynamic experience of class, the historical circumstances that structure class, the intersection of literature and labor movements, the unstable definitions of literature, and the political dimensions of literature. The course may be organized historically or topically.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/09/2012 - 07/01/2019

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

None

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

None

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted