Note:

Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.
COURSE SYLLABUS
ENGL 341
AMERICAN REALISM AND NATURALISM

COURSE DESCRIPTION
A study of the major writers of American Realism and Naturalism (1865-1930): Twain, James, Chopin, Crane, Dreiser and others. Research paper required.

RATIONALE
The study of American literature from the end of the American Civil War to the conclusion of World War I helps the student to understand and appreciate the cultural, social, economic, philosophical, religious, and literary heritage of the United States from 1865-1930.

I. PREREQUISITES
For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES
Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING
A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Word
   (Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
A. Examine, in their entirety, the assigned literature selections from the American Realistic (1865-1900) and Naturalistic (1900-1930) periods.
B. Describe the historical and literary background of the Realistic and Naturalistic periods.
C. Compare and contrast the Realistic and Naturalistic periods.
D. Describe the specific talents and diversity of the authors and works studied.
E. Evaluate the merits of literary works on the basis of style, content, and absence or presence of biblical truth.
V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations

B. Course Requirements Checklist
   After reading the Syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (3)
   The student is required to provide a thread in response to the provided topic for each forum. Each thread must be 250–400 words in length and demonstrate course related knowledge. In addition to the thread, the student is required to reply to 1 other classmate’s thread. The reply must be 250–400 words in length. The student is required to cite sources using current MLA formatting.

D. Essays (2)
   Essay topics must be selected from the provided list. Essay 1 must be 4–6 pages in length and must have 1 primary source with at least 2 secondary sources. Essay 2 must be 8–10 pages in length and must cite at least 2 primary sources with at least 4 secondary sources. Current MLA formatting is required.

E. Reading Quizzes (29)
   Each quiz will correspond to the reading assignments, be open-book/open-notes, contain 5 multiple-choice or true/false questions, and have a time limit of 5 minutes.

F. Exams (2)
   The exams will cover material from the Reading & Study folders. Each exam will contain multiple-choice and/or essay questions. The exams are open-book/open-notes with time limits of 1 hour and 30 minutes each.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

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B. Scale

- A = 900–1010
- B = 800–899
- C = 700–799
- D = 600–699
- F = 0–599

C. Late Assignment Policy
   If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.
Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.
2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.
3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the class will not be accepted.
4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.

Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

D. Test/Exam Policy

Exams submitted late may be penalized a full letter grade for each day late. Exams and quizzes may be penalized by 2 points for each minute beyond the time limit.

E. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.
# COURSE SCHEDULE

**ENGL 341**

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2 presentations  
1 lecture note  | Course Requirements Checklist  
DB Forum 1  
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| 2           | **Baym: Textbook Readings**  
2 presentations  
1 lecture note  | DB Forum 2 Thread  
Reading Quiz 4  
Reading Quiz 5 | 25  
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| 3           | **Baym: Henry James Headnote**  
James: chs. 1–37  
1 presentation  
1 lecture note  | DB Forum 2 Reply  
Reading Quiz 6  
Reading Quiz 7  
Reading Quiz 8  
Reading Quiz 9  
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| 4           | **Baym: Textbook Readings**  
James: chs. 38–55  
2 presentations  
1 lecture note  | Reading Quiz 11  
Reading Quiz 12  
Reading Quiz 13  
Reading Quiz 14  
Reading Quiz 15  
Exam 1 | 10  
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| 5           | **Baym: Textbook Readings**  
2 presentations  
1 lecture note  | Essay 1  
Reading Quiz 16  
Reading Quiz 17 | 200  
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| 6           | **Baym: Textbook Readings**  
2 presentations  
1 lecture note  | DB Forum 3 Thread  
Reading Quiz 18  
Reading Quiz 19  
Reading Quiz 20 | 25  
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| 7           | **Baym: Textbook Readings**  
Dreiser: chs. 1–12  
2 presentations  
2 websites  
1 lecture note  | DB Forum 3 Reply  
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DB = Discussion Board

**NOTE:** Each course week (except Module/Week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.