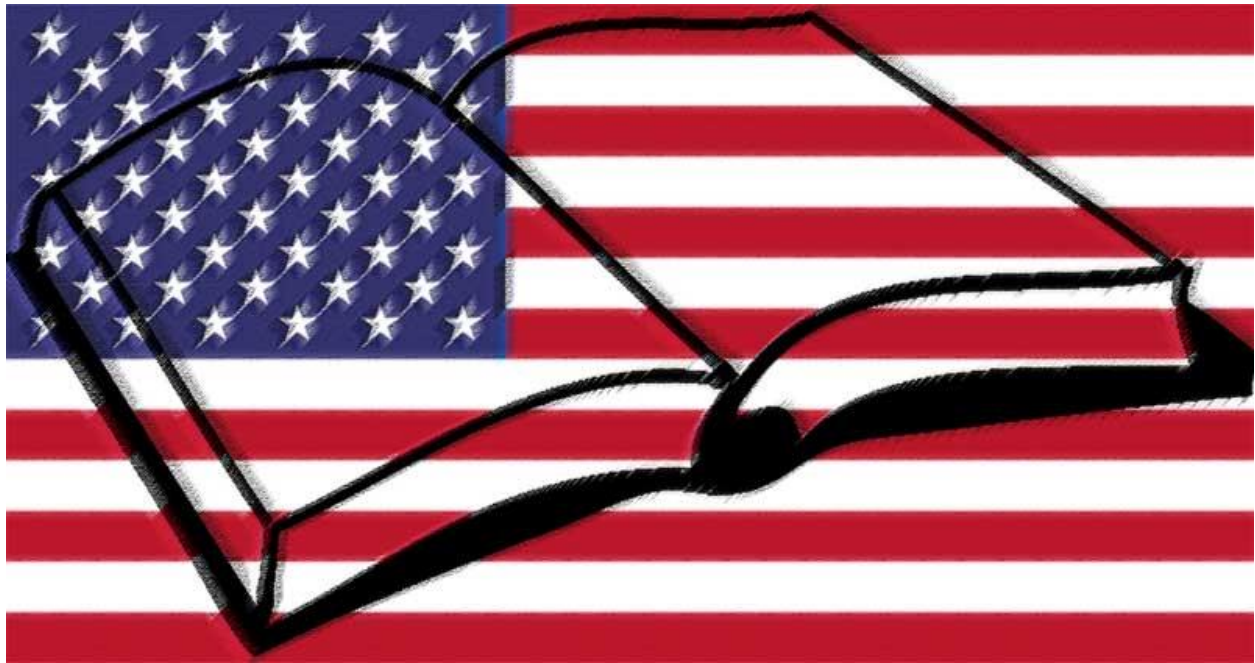


## ENG 3122 American Literature

An exploration of American dreams and values, this course begins with some early texts that helped produce our national myth--the idea of America as a nation committed to individual and spiritual freedom, egalitarianism and the pursuit of material success--before turning to 19th century texts that both affirm and interrogate this picture of America, including writings that address the displacement of native Americans, the institution of slavery, the status of women, the experiences of immigrants, and the tyranny of social pressures. In the last part of the class each student will read a 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> century novel, write a review, and make a presentation to the class about the ways their chosen work continues to speak to the themes we explored in the earlier works.



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This course is a Foundations Course for the English Major and also applies to the English, Humanities and American Studies minors.

