# COURSE SYLLABUS

**Course Title:** Studies in Ethnic Literature  
**Department:** Humanities  
**Curriculum:** Literature  
**Date submitted:** Spring 2015 (AAC: 15-35)

## Course Descriptors:
Make certain that the course descriptors are consistent with college and Board of Trustees policies, and the current course numbering system.

**Course Code:** ENG*250  
**Course Type:** L/D  
**Course Type:** E/G/HU/LAS  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Developmental:** No  
**Lecture:** 3  
**Clinical:** 0  
**Lab:** 0  
**Studio:** 0  
**Other:** 0  
**TOTAL:** 3  
**Class Maximum:** 23  
**Semesters Offered:** F/Sp

## Prerequisites:
C- or better in Composition (ENG*101)

## Corequisites:
None

## Other Requirements:
None

## Ability Based Education (ABE) Statement:
At Tunxis Community College students are assessed on the knowledge and skills they have learned. The faculty identified the General Education Abilities critical to students' success in their professional and personal lives. In every class, students are assessed on course abilities, sometimes program abilities, and, in most classes, at least one General Education Ability. Students will receive an evaluation of the degree to which they have demonstrated or not demonstrated that General Education Ability.

## Catalog Course Description:
Surveys writing by various ethnicities and races in American culture, including but not limited to Native Americans, European immigrants, and African-, Hispanic- and Asian-Americans. This course examines how ethnic writing enables and resists assimilation, and how the literature of individual ethnicities underlies mainstream American literature and, at times, becomes part of the mainstream. The course also explores the history and sociology of immigration and multiculturalism.

## Topical Outline:
List course content in outline format.

1. European immigration in the 19th and early 20th century  
2. Voices from slavery  
3. Spanish Southwest  
4. Native Americans respond to the European onslaught
5. A voice of their own—the 20th century and the rise of the ethnic voice
   A. Native Americans
   B. African-Americans
   C. Asian-Americans
   D. Hispanics
   E. India and the Mideast

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to do the following:

**COURSE:**

1. Literary Genre: the ability to identify, define, and describe the attributes and significance of the primary genres and their subgenres
   1.1. Level 1: identifies major genres of Ethnic American literature
   1.2. Level 1: identifies and describes historical development of genres
   1.3. Level 2: identifies and describes historical and cultural influences on Ethnic American literature
2. Literary History: the ability to identify major periods and associated styles of literature and relate them to social history and how each affects the works created at that time
   2.1. Level 1: identifies significant characteristics of prominent authors and literary periods
   2.2. Level 1: describes the development of Ethnic American literature and recognizes that development as a product of historical forces
   2.3. Level 2: relates individual works to literary history
3. Literary Aesthetics: the ability to identify traditional and developing aesthetic terminology and standards and apply them to critical readings of subject works
   3.1. Level 1: identifies and defines aesthetic elements and their descriptive terminology
   3.2. Level 2: analyzes contribution of aesthetic elements to the overall effect of a work
   3.3. Level 2: articulates shifts in aesthetics within literary and cultural history
4. Critical Theory: the ability to identify critical approaches, recognize their use by others either in criticism or in the creation of literature, and to apply them to their own critical readings
   4.1. Level 1: is aware of a critical approach in any reading
   4.2. Level 1: identifies and defines major critical approaches (e.g. classical rhetoric, naturalism, psychological, feminist, Marxist, New Criticism)
   4.3. Literary Analysis the ability to synthesize the acts of analysis in the preceding abilities and communicating that analysis – primarily via the essay but can also be through oral presentations, performances, or other media
   4.4. Level 1: critically reflects on their reading of Ethnic American literature
   4.5. Level 1: evaluates the significance of specific literary passages using appropriate terminology

**PROGRAM:** *(Numbering reflects Program Outcomes as they appear in the college catalog)*
N/A

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** *(Numbering reflects General Education Outcomes as they appear in the college catalog)*

1. Aesthetic Dimensions - Students will understand the diverse nature, meanings, and functions of creative endeavors through the study and practice of literature, music, the theatrical and visual arts, and related forms of expression.
   **Demonstrates:** Identifies and describes formal aspects, historical or cultural context, and aesthetic elements of the genre with clarity and appropriate vocabulary.
   **Does Not Demonstrate:** Unable to clearly identify and describe the formal aspects, historical context, and aesthetic elements of the genre.

11. Written Communication (embedded) - Students will be prepared to develop written texts of varying lengths and styles that communicate effectively and appropriately across a variety of settings.
| Evaluation: | Demonstrates: Writes articulate texts using appropriate evidence and appeals as determined by the rhetorical situation.  
Does Not Demonstrate: Writes texts lacking appropriate evidence and appeals as determined by the rhetorical situation. |
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**Assessment will be based on the following criteria:**
1. exams  
2. short response papers  
3. essays  
4. oral presentations

Students will demonstrate they have met course and General Education abilities by producing, evaluating, and sharing critical readings and analyses of literary works in a variety of communication modes, presentations, exams, quizzes, but emphasizing the written essay.

**Instructional Resources:**
- **Required:** Current Library and technological resources are adequate for this course.
- **Desired:**

| Textbook(s) | Refer to current academic year printout. |