

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## ENGL 407: Big City, Big Impact

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: \*.\*

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 10 - People/Environment, Goal 06 - Humanities/Fine Arts

This course uses a variety of texts for an exploration of the environmental and social impacts of big city life, as shown by various writers. MnTC Goal 6 and 10.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 08/24/2009 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Literary: students will read and analyze various works of literature (both fiction and non-fiction).
2. Cinematic: students will view and analyze various cinematic artworks.
3. Environmental: students will discuss and write on the environmental issues raised by the literary and cinematic works they read and view.

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students in this course will improve their skills at interpreting and analyzing texts of various kinds.

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

Goal 10 - People/Environment

1. Discern patterns and interrelationships of bio-physical and socio-cultural systems.
2. Describe the basic institutional arrangements (social, legal, political, economic, religious) that are evolving to deal with environmental and natural resource challenges.
3. Evaluate critically environmental and natural resource issues in light of understandings about interrelationships, ecosystems, and institutions.
4. Propose and assess alternative solutions to environmental problems.

Goal 06 - Humanities/Fine Arts

1. Understand those works as expressions of individual and human values within an historical and social context.
2. Respond critically to works in the arts and humanities.
3. Articulate an informed personal reaction to works in the arts and humanities.

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted