

# Dakota County Technical College

## ENGL 1570: The Literature of Nature

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 2,3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: \*.\*

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 06 - Humanities/Fine Arts, Goal 09 - Ethical/Civic Resp

This course focuses on the understanding and analysis of humanity's relationship to its environment, as revealed through particular genres, such as the short story, essay, diary, and poetry. Students will review the major texts in the literature of nature and look at the ethical and philosophical relationship between humans and nature over the centuries, focusing primarily on North America.

Meets MnTC Goal 6 and Goal 9

### B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 11/05/2010 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Nonfiction
2. Fiction
3. Poetry

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. View texts through different critical and ethical perspectives.
2. Analyze written works for quality of writing and ethical stance.
3. Make connections between authors and their writings.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking.

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

Goal 06 - Humanities/Fine Arts

1. Demonstrate awareness of the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
2. Understand those works as expressions of individual and human values within an historical and social context.
3. Respond critically to works in the arts and humanities.
4. Engage in the creative process or interpretive performance.
5. Articulate an informed personal reaction to works in the arts and humanities.

Goal 09 - Ethical/Civic Resp

1. Examine, articulate, and apply their own ethical views.
2. Understand and apply core concepts (e.g. politics, rights and obligations, justice, liberty) to specific issues.
3. Recognize the diversity of political motivations and interests of others.
4. Identify ways to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

**F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT**

As noted on course syllabus

**G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted