

## **Fall 2019 Course Descriptions**

**Instructor:** Donald Dickson

**Course:** ENGL 221

**Title:** World Literature

**Description:** The aim of this course is to introduce you to some masterworks of world literature and the civilizations that produced them; to understand and appreciate their artistic quality and individual styles; to compare other cultures and historical periods; and to appreciate how ideas, events, and literatures have influenced one another. Of necessity, we will focus on historical contexts and the cultural values of these societies as an essential part of the background to the works. In addition to improving your critical reading skills, you will also have the opportunity to improve your writing skills through essay exams.

**Proposed Readings:** The Norton Anthology of World Literature, Vol 1. Martin Puchner, ed. Shorter Third Edition. New York: Norton, 2012. ISBN 978-0-393-91960-8.