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ENGLISH 2363
TUESDAY/THURSDAY 11:10 AM - 12:25 PM

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INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE

This course is designed to offer students an entry point into African American literary heritage, using texts composed by African American authors to teach the basic terms and techniques of reading, writing, and critically discussing literature. Students will read, discuss, and write about a variety of traditional and non-traditional texts that represent the diversity of the African American literary endeavor, including the Oral Tradition (ranging from the early days of the diaspora to the present).

Textbooks: *The Norton Anthology of African American Literature* (3rd edition) and *Writing About American Literature*

Potential Authors of Study: Phillis Wheatley, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, Audre Lorde, James Baldwin, Zora Neale Hurston, and more

