

## Course Description Form

Course number and section: ENGL 220-002

Course Topic: English Literature in Historical Context I: Beowulf to Gulliver

Credits: 3

Term: Winter 1

Instructor: Michael Treschow

Course Description (aim for no more than 80 – 100 words for your course description):

**This course walks through the earlier stages of the history and evolution of English Literature. It traces the development of English literary language, literary style, and poetic forms. It attends to early English expressions of the epic and heroic, the comic and satirical, the elegiac, the romantic, the tragic, and the mystical.**

Tentative Reading List:

The text book will be Volume 1 of the Norton Anthology of English Literature, the Major Authors.

Readings will include:

Beowulf

The Dream of the Rood

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight

Chaucer: The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale

Julian of Norwich: selections from A Book of Showings

The Second Shepherds' Play

The English Bible (I Corinthians 13)

Sonnets, especially Shakespeare

Lyrics: Donne, Johnson, Herbert, Herrick, Philips, Marvell

Milton: selections from Paradise Lost

Swift: selections from Gulliver's Travels

Other: This course will be classroom based but with hybrid functions through recorded lectures and Zoom capability.