

**ENGL 291: African Literary Canon**

Credits: 3

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**Course Description:**

This course will introduce students to canonical literary texts from the African continent. It will expand students' understanding of the world by exposing them to different literary cultures and traditions from the African continent. It will introduce students to some of the African authors (Chinua Achebe, Wole Soyinka, J.M. Coetzee, Ngugi wa Thiongo, Ama Ata Aidoo, Abdulrazak Gurnah etc.) whose works have shaped world literature as we know it today. This course will also address the contributions of African literature to questions of genre, orality, language, colonialism, decolonization, postcolonialism, political conflicts, apartheid, genocide, feminism, digitality and many more.

Tentative Reading List:

Ngugi wa Thiongo's *Weep Not Child*

Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*

Tsitsi Dangaremba's *Nervous Conditions*

Miariama Ba's *So Long a Letter*