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ENGL 3327: 002
American Literature to 1865
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TR 1:00-2:25

Course Description:

This course is designed to familiarize students with some of the important American literary texts and movements from the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries. Our readings will cover a great deal of historical, generic, and thematic ground, but we will also pay close attention to the depth and complexity of each text. Examining fictional and non-fictional works, we will consider issues of colonial settlement, American Protestantism, class and identity, race and slavery, and gender. Throughout the course, we will focus on how the idea of “America” has been understood and represented, as well as how different groups have questioned or revised ideas of national identity.

Texts:

- Levine, Robert, et. al., *The Norton Anthology of American Literature* (Shorter 9th Ed., Vol. 1)
- Stowe, Harriet Beecher, *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* (Norton Critical Edition)