

## **ENGL 3210: British Literature to 1750**

**Description:** This class is designed to familiarize students with some of the greatest English literary works from the period of Old English through the eighteenth century. Our focus in this class will be on closely reading, analyzing, and thinking about the texts assigned and their linguistic richness. We will pay special attention to the perseverance and transformation of literary forms, conventions, and themes, even as we consider the social and cultural history. We will touch on issues of gender, the construction of race, and literature's role in ideological formation. Some of the authors we will read include: Chaucer, Spenser, Shakespeare, Donne, Behn, Milton, and Pope.