Administrative Unit: Humanities Department
Course Prefix and Number: ENGL 360
Course Title: Readings in Fiction
Number of: Credit Hours: 3  Lecture Hours: 3  Laboratory Hours: 0
Catalog Description: Study of the genre, possibly from a special perspective or literary period (e.g., American novel and short story, contemporary novel, the comic novel and short story).
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): ENGL 112; junior standing or instructor’s permission.
Text(s): Since the novels and stories studied depend on the course’s special emphasis, a list of specific works is impossible. However, all novels and stories selected should be of real significance and merit. The number of works will likewise vary, but the instructor should assign at least 250 pages of reading per week.
Course Objectives:
• To understand, appreciate and be able to evaluate the literary and cultural significance of the fiction studied through an intensive course of readings, discussions and written exercises.
Measurable Learning Outcomes:
• Demonstrate critical understanding of major characteristics of the genre and their relevance in the literary tradition.
• Understand the terminology used in the study of fiction and employ that language in discussion and writing.
• Cover, assess and synthesize a wide breadth of extended fiction writing in the context of formal classroom study and through critical written analysis.
Topical Outline (major areas of coverage):
• Departmental policy requires students write a minimum of 6000 words of graded writing to include at least one research paper for the course.
• Read and discuss each novel and story assigned.
• Master the basic critical terminology essential to the study of fiction.
• Write critical analysis of a majority of fiction assigned, through a combination of in-class and out-of-class essays, which may include journal entries.
• Complete a final essay examination, either comprehensive or covering a number of specified novels and stories.
Recommended maximum class size for this course: 30
Library Resources: Online databases are available at http://www.ccis.edu/offices/library/resources.asp. You may access them from off-campus using your eServices login and password when prompted.

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NOTE: The intention of the master syllabus is to provide an outline of the contents of this course, as specified by the faculty of Columbia College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught or where it is taught. Faculty members teaching this course for Columbia College are expected to facilitate learning pursuant to the course objectives and cover the subjects listed in the topical outline. However, instructors are also encouraged to cover additional topics of interest so long as those topics are relevant to the course’s subject. The master syllabus is, therefore, prescriptive in nature but also allows for a diversity of individual approaches to course material.

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