

**Type:** Core  
**Course Code:** ENGL E2025  
**Title:** Introduction to America Literature  
**Pre-requisites:** Pass in any ENGL E course unit

**Aim and Objectives:**

The objective of this course is introduce the students to American literature

**Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this course, students will be able to

- discuss different aspects of American literature
- analyse characteristics of American literature with reference to selected writers
- discuss the lives of the writers

**Content:**

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain  
*Hills like White Elephants* by Ernest Hemingway  
Poems by Sylvia Plath: *Daddy*, *Lady Lazarus*, *The Colossus*  
*A Streetcar named Desire* by Tennessee Williams

**Method of teaching and learning:**

Lectures, discussions, films, and workshops

**Assessment / Evaluation:**

Assessment and evaluation of this course unit may be either by an end of semester examination and assignments or by one or the other.

**Recommended Reading**

Axelrod, S. G. (1990). *Sylvia Plath: The Wound and the Cure of Words*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Butscher, E. (2004). *Sylvia Plath: Method and Madness*. Tucson: Schaffner Press.

Chase, R. (1957). *The American Novel and its Tradition*. New York: Doubleday.

Cunliff, M. (1959). *The Literature of the United States*. Baltimore: Penguin.

**Recommended Viewing**

Movie: *A Streetcar named Desire* with Marlon Brando

Movie: *Sylvia* with Gwyneth Paltrow and Daniel Craig

