### I. ASCRC General Education Form

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<td>British Literature: Victorian to Contemporary</td>
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<td>None</td>
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### II. Endorsement/Approvals

Complete the form and obtain signatures before submitting to Faculty Senate Office

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<td>English Literature Faculty</td>
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### III. Description and purpose of the course:

General Education courses must be introductory and foundational. They must emphasize breadth, context, and connectedness; and relate course content to students’ future lives: See Preamble:

[http://www.umt.edu/facultysenate/gened/GEPreamble_final.htm](http://www.umt.edu/facultysenate/gened/GEPreamble_final.htm)

This course (along with ENLT 217 and ENLT 218) is part of the new three-course sequence of British Literature survey courses that will replace the two previously required surveys (ENLT 222 and ENLT 223). This change was undertaken to provide more reasonable coverage of literary-historical periods and, because only three of five surveys (including two on American literature) will now be required of literature majors, to make room for a proposed new course, Introduction to Literary Studies (ENLT 201). The goal of ENLT 219 is to familiarize students with the history of British literature (authors, works, periods, and trends) from 1830 to the 21st century, helping them to place texts within their cultural and literary contexts and to comprehend, in general, the relationship between British literature and the shaping of the modern world. It is hoped that students will gain appreciation for the exploratory power of literary art as it confronts human experience.

### IV. Criteria:

Briefly explain how this course meets the criteria for the group. See:

[http://www.umt.edu/facultysenate/ASCRCx/Adocuments/GE_Criteria5-1-08.htm](http://www.umt.edu/facultysenate/ASCRCx/Adocuments/GE_Criteria5-1-08.htm)
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<td>Courses focus on either area and can be comparative in content or approach. The courses are broad in theme, geography, or chronology. They are foundational and prepare students for further study by raising core questions of an academic discipline.</td>
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<td>This course covers nineteenth- and twentieth-century British literature and, as such, studies important literary, artistic, cultural, and historical developments pertinent to Britain, to Europe, and to the modern world generally.</td>
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<th>V. Student Learning Goals:</th>
<th>Briefly explain how this course will meet the applicable learning goals. See: <a href="http://www.umt.edu/facultysenate/ASCRCx/Adocuments/GE_Criteria5-1-08.htm">http://www.umt.edu/facultysenate/ASCRCx/Adocuments/GE_Criteria5-1-08.htm</a></th>
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<td>Learning Goals</td>
<td>The subject of British literature relates to, and leads to discussion of, the great impact of Britain on America as well as similarities and differences between the cultures and historical experiences of these two English-speaking countries, one dominant in the nineteenth and the other in the twentieth century. Thus the learning goals, as follows, while focusing on Britain, naturally extend to America as well: Students should gain understanding of (1) relevant cultural issues (e.g., literacy, urbanism, class structure, capitalism, science, technology, religion, imperialism, gender) as they relate to literature; (2) important literary trends (e.g., romanticism, realism, naturalism, aestheticism, modernism); (3) significant authors and their works; and (4) terms and concepts important for understanding literature; (5) how to undertake literary analysis and to write about literary texts.</td>
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<td>Upon completion of this perspective, students will be able to:</td>
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<td>1. Demonstrate informed and reasoned understanding of American and/or European historical and contemporary behavior, ideas, institutions, and culture; and</td>
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<td>2. Analyze and evaluate what is distinctive and significant about the American and/or European experience and legacy.</td>
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VII. Syllabus: Paste syllabus below or attach and send digital copy with form. The syllabus should clearly describe how the above criteria are satisfied. For assistance on syllabus preparation see: http://teaching.berkeley.edu/bgd/syllabus.html

British Literature: Victorian to Contemporary
ENLT 219
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Description

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Texts

Eliot, Silas Marner (Dover)
Forster, Passage to India (Penguin)
Hacker, A Pocket Manual of Style (Bedford)**
Murfin and Ray, The Bedford Glossary of Critical and Literary Terms (Bedford)**

**Required for all Department of English literature courses

Exams
There will be a mid-term, a final examination focused especially on the second half of the course, and a number of reading quizzes. On exams students will need to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of texts and their literary, biographical, cultural, and historical contexts. The unannounced quizzes test familiarity with assigned readings.

**Essays**

You will write three critical essays, including a revision. I do not require research for any of the writing assignments, but if you do research, be sure that borrowings are correctly documented according to the MLA format (as explained in *A Pocket Manual*). Do not plan to hand in late papers except for documented emergencies; plagiarized papers will fail. (See 2006-07 UM Catalog, p. 21, for plagiarism warning.)

**Attendance**

After four unexcused absences your grade will decline. The midterm and final exams must be taken on the days and at the times they are scheduled.

**Grading**

Tests—50%, papers—40%, participation/quizzes—10%

**Schedule**

Week One: Introduction, Victorian Period  
Week Two: Carlyle, Dickens, social criticism and reform 1  
Week Three: E. B. Browning, Tennyson  
Week Four: Ruskin, Arnold, Social criticism and reform 2  
Week Five: R. Browning, Pre-Raphaelites  
Week Six: G. Eliot, Trollope, Hardy  
Week Seven: Darwin, Huxley, science and technology  
Week Eight: Hopkins, Fin de siècle, Wilde  
Week Nine: Conrad,, *Heart of Darkness*  
Week Ten: Twentieth Century, modernism, Yeats  
Week Eleven: Forster, *Passage to India*  
Week Twelve: Woolf, Joyce  
Week Thirteen: Eliot, Auden, Beckett  
Week Fourteen: Late 20th century  
Week Fifteen: Post-colonial

**Conduct**

UM policy on honesty: "All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University."
