

Department of English & Writing Studies
Bullets and Ballots: U.S. Literature and Civil Rights
English 3471F (001)
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Tentative Course Outline

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- x What is bodily autonomy? Is it a human right? Is it a civil right? What is the difference between a human right and a civil right?
- x How does Americans perception of bodily autonomy change from decade to decade?
- x How do U.S. authors take up the issue of bodily autonomy? Do the race, class, gender, and sexuality of authors influence the ways they consider bodily autonomy?
- x Historically, which individuals have been denied the right to bodily autonomy?
- x What historic events have affected Americans' views of bodily autonomy?
- x How have authors used literature to advocate for bodily autonomy?
- x How do U.S. authors' perception of bodily autonomy change as the nation ages?
- x Where do works addressing bodily autonomy fit into the canon?
- x What other civil rights are most often connected to bodily autonomy?

Course Objectives :

Throughout the semester, in addition to gaining and sharing knowledge through the assigned readings, you will

- x apply rigorous critical thinking and analysis by engaging productively with new ideas through reading and discussing literature;
- x develop an understanding of civil rights and how U.S. authors advocate for civil rights through literature:
- x gain an understanding of literary genres and periods, specifically U.S. literature;
- x have a sense of the way literature influences and is influenced by social constructions of gender, race, and class;
- x develop and refine close reading skills;
- x apply theory to literature;
- x research, assess, and synthesize information;
- x and locate, evaluate, and critique sources using appropriate disciplinary and/or interdisciplinary research skills and tools.

Course Materials

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Religious Accommodation:
Students should consult the University'