

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BRIEF SYLLABUS

SPECIAL NOTE:

This brief syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. A full syllabus will be distributed to students at the first class session.

TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS USED IN THE COURSE (if any):

Please check with the LCC bookstore <http://www.labette.edu/bookstore> for the required texts for this class.

COURSE NUMBER: ENGL 215

COURSE TITLE: SCIENCE FICTION

SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 3

DEPARTMENT: English

DIVISION: General Education

PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL: General Education Course Placement

PREREQUISITE: None

REVISION DATE: 04/2013

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course gives students the opportunity to explore the science fiction genre in relation to changing technology and to explore parallel trends in literature, art, and film.

COURSE OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES:

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

1. Analyze and interpret science fiction stories and novels.

- Incorporate the world of the author, the world of the text, and their own world and experiences to produce meaning from works of science fiction.
- Identify plot structure, character, setting, point of view, style, and theme in specific works of science fiction.
- Write an essay demonstrating an interpretation of one or more elements of a specific work of science fiction.

2. Know and apply sf genre terms and definitions.

- Identify classic science fiction elements in both fiction and film.
- Define and identify different sub-categories of science fiction.
- Write a short story demonstrating an understanding of traditional science fiction elements.

3. Demonstrate specific cultural contexts for the sf genre.

- Identify key events in the historical development of science fiction as a literary genre.
- Create a presentation showing the symbiotic relationship between science and science fiction literature.