

**Northwestern Connecticut Community College**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Poetry

**Course #:** ENG 213

**Course Description:** This upper level course provides a broad-swath introduction to the genre of poetic works in English and American literature. This course will be divided into many specific parts: What poetry is and how it differs from other literary forms; how it evolved (the tradition of poetry); what special skills are needed to understand it; and what purpose it serves in a utilitarian culture. Students in this course will read, analyze and discuss poems.

**Pre-requisite/Co-requisite:** Successful completion of English 102

**Goals:**

- Demonstrate the ability to read with understanding and perception while specifically demonstrating the skills necessary to analyze works of poetry for thematic content;
- Recognize the relationship between the genre of poetry and the interpreted messages;
- Write critical explications of literary works;
- Communicate literary analyses with clarity and effectiveness.

**Outcomes:** Upon completion of English 213 a student will:

- Recognize poetry from a variety of cultures, languages and historic periods
- Understand and appreciate poetry as a literary art form
- Analyze the various elements of poetry, such as diction, tone, form, genre, imagery, figures of speech, symbolism, theme, etc.
- Identify a variety of forms and genres of poetry from diverse cultures and historic periods, such as haiku, tanka, sonnets, ballads, dramatic monologues, free verse, etc.
- Recognize the rhythms, metrics and other musical aspects of poetry
- Read and discuss selected poems in translation
- Apply the principles of literary criticism to the analysis of poetry
- Broaden their vocabularies and to develop an appreciation of language and its connotations and denotations
- Develop their critical thinking skills
- Develop a deeper appreciation of cultural diversity by introducing them to poetry from a variety of cultures throughout the world
- Develop their own creativity and enhance their writing skills

**College Policies**

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanctions ranging from failure of the assignment (receiving a zero), failing the course, being removed/expelled from the program and/or the College. Please refer to your "Student Handbook" under "Policy on

Student Rights,” the Section entitled “Student Discipline,” or the College catalog for additional information.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):** The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented learning, physical, or psychiatric disabilities. Students should notify Dr. Christine Woodcock, the Counselor for Students with Disabilities. She is located at Green Woods Hall, in the Center for Student Development. Her phone number is 860-738-6318 and her email is [cwoodcock@nwcc.edu](mailto:cwoodcock@nwcc.edu).

**School Cancellations:** If snowy or icy driving conditions cause the postponement or cancellation of classes, announcements will be made on local radio and television stations and posted on the College’s website at [www.nwcc.edu](http://www.nwcc.edu). Students may also call the College directly at **(860) 738-6464** to hear a recorded message concerning any inclement weather closings. Students are urged to exercise their own judgment if road conditions in their localities are hazardous.

**Use of Electronic Devices:** Some course content as presented in Blackboard Learn is not fully supported on mobile devices at this time. While mobile devices provide convenient access to check in and read information about your courses, they should not be used to perform work such as taking tests, quizzes, completing assignments, or submitting substantive discussion posts.

**Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team:** NCCC is committed to creating a community that is safe and supportive of people of all gender and sexual identities. This pertains to the entire campus community, whether on ground or virtual, students, faculty, or staff.

Sexual assault and intimate partner violence is an affront to our national conscience, and one we cannot ignore. It is our hope that no one within our campus community will become a victim of these crimes. However, if it occurs, NCCC has created the SART Team - Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team - to meet the victim’s needs.

SART is a campus and community based team that is fully trained to provide trauma-informed compassionate service and referrals for comprehensive care. The team works in partnership with The Susan B. Anthony Project to extend services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year.

The NCCC team members are:

Ruth Gonzalez, Ph.D.	860-738-6315	Green Woods Hall Room 207
Susan Berg	860-738-6342	Green Woods Hall Room 223
Kathleen Chapman	860-738-6344	Green Woods Hall Room 110
Michael Emanuel	860-738-6389	Founders Hall Annex Room 308
Seth Kershner	860-738-6481	Library
Jane O’Grady	860-738-6393	Founders Hall Annex Room 212
Robin Orloski	860-738-6416	Business Office Room 201
Patricia Bouffard, Ex-Officio	860-738-6319	Founders Hall Room 103
Savannah Schmitt		Student Representative

At NCCC we care about our students, staff and faculty and their well-being. It is our intention to facilitate the resources needed to help achieve both physical and emotional health.