Semester 1 (Soft Core 4)

ENS 407: NINETEENTH CENTURY AMERICAN LITERATURE

- Soft Core 4 credits (3 lectures and one tutorial)
- End Semester Examination 70 marks
- Internal Assessment 30 marks – monthly tests/ assignments/ class reports

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

This course seeks to introduce students to:

- The American ethos in the nineteenth Century
- The varied literary output in the different genres of Nineteenth Century American Literature
- Detailed analysis of some major texts of the period.

COURSE OUTCOME:

The student will have achieved the following by the end of the semester:

- Familiarity with the major historical and social trends in Nineteenth Century American life.
- The major trends in American literature of the nineteenth century
- Familiarity with some important texts of the period and ability to analyze them.

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Section A: Poetry

Whitman: A Passage to India; A Noiseless Patient Spider

Dickinson: The Soul Selects her own Society; Because I Could Not Stop for Death; My Life had Stood – A Loaded Gun; I Never Saw a Moor; I Heard a Fly Buzz when I died.

Section B: Fiction

Nathaniel Hawthorne *The Scarlet Letter*
Mark Twain *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

Section C: Prose

Ralph Emerson "The American Scholar"
Thoreau, H D. "Civil Disobedience"

Section D: Background

The Puritan heritage
Transcendentalism
The Frontier and the American Dream
The Civil War and Reconstruction

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