

Proposed Change in Course Title, Description, and Numbering for Eng 3604.

Current course description:	Proposed revision:
ENG 3604 - Special Topics in Literature. (3-0-3) On Demand. Topics to be announced. May be taken as many as three times with permission of the Department Chairperson. (Group 6) WI	ENG 3604 - Special Topics in Literature and Language, 1, 2, 3, 4. (3-0-3) On Demand. Topics to be announced. May be taken as many as three times with permission of the Department Chairperson. 1: Literature Before 1800 (Group 3A); 2: Nineteenth Century (Group 3B); 3: Twentieth Century and After (Group 3C); 4: English Electives (Group 5) WI

Current Curricular Requirements:	Proposed revision:
Group 3A. Literature before 1800. Two of: Courses in Group 5 when so designated by the Department Chair in consultation with the instructor. Eng 3700 – American Literature: 1450 to 1800 Eng 3800 – Medieval British Literature Eng 3803 – Renaissance and Seventeenth-Century British Literature Eng 3805 – Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature	Group 3A. Literature before 1800. Two of: Courses in Group 5 when so designated by the Department Chair in consultation with the instructor. Eng 3604,1 – Special Topics in Literature and Language: Literature Before 1800 Eng 3700 – American Literature: 1450 to 1800 Eng 3800 – Medieval British Literature Eng 3803 – Renaissance and Seventeenth-Century British Literature Eng 3805 – Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature

Current Curricular Requirements:	Proposed revision:
Group 3B. Nineteenth Century. One of: Courses in Group 5 when so designated by the Department Chair in consultation with the instructor. Eng 3701 – American Literature: 1800 to Mid-19 th Century Eng 3702 – American Literature: Mid-19 th Century to 1900 Eng 3806 – British Romantic Literature Eng 3807 – Victorian Literature	Group 3B. Nineteenth Century. One of: Courses in Group 5 when so designated by the Department Chair in consultation with the instructor. Eng 3604,2 – Special Topics in Literature and Language: Nineteenth Century Eng 3701 – American Literature: 1800 to Mid-19 th Century Eng 3702 – American Literature: Mid-19 th Century to 1900 Eng 3806 – British Romantic Literature Eng 3807 – Victorian Literature

Current Curricular Requirements:	Proposed revision:
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Group 3C. Twentieth Century and After. One of: Courses in Group 5 when so designated by the Department Chair in consultation with the instructor. Eng 3703 – American Literature: 1900 to 1950 Eng 3704 – American Literature: 1950 to present Eng 3808 – Modern British Literature Eng 3809 – Contemporary British and Anglophone Literatures	Group 3C. Twentieth Century and After. One of: Courses in Group 5 when so designated by the Department Chair in consultation with the instructor. Eng 3604,3 – Special Topics in Literature and Language: Twentieth Century and After Eng 3703 – American Literature: 1900 to 1950 Eng 3704 – American Literature: 1950 to present Eng 3808 – Modern British Literature Eng 3809 – Contemporary British and Anglophone Literatures
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Current Curricular Requirements:	Proposed revision:
Group 5. English Electives Eng 3604 – Special Topics in Literature.	Group 5. English Electives Eng 3604,4 – Special Topics in Literature and Language: English Elective

Approved by Department: 3-25-09
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Rationale:

This change will simplify record-keeping for students and their advisers and for the CAH certification officer. In addition, it might encourage faculty members to develop appropriate special topics courses and should make it easier for students to understand which courses apply to their requirements in which categories.

Here’s why. Under the changes to the English and English Language Arts curricula effective with the 2007 catalog, students are permitted to count Eng 3604, Special Topics in Literature, within the appropriate requirements for distribution of literary study (in Group 3A when 3604 treats a pre-1800 topic; in Group 3B when it treats a nineteenth-century topic; and in 3C when it treats a post-1900 topic).

In practice, this means that each time a section of 3604 is offered, advisers need to point out to students how that particular section might apply to requirements the student still needs to meet, and, when students choose to take 3604 to fulfill a requirement in Groups 3A, 3B, or 3C, there’s no way for the CAH certification officer to know how to count that course, so a departmental waiver must be written to notify her.