



Summer 2021 Special Topics Course

English 380 | Anti-racist Literature

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- ◆ 4 Credits
- ◆ May 10 through June 4
- ◆ PEAK optional
- ◆ Online synchronous | Tuesdays & Thursdays
- ◆ Online asynchronous | Mondays & Wednesdays
- ◆ 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

How does literature contribute to anti-racist conversations and movements? How can reading literature help us to thoughtfully, responsibly, talk about racism and anti-racism? Books are often a window when we need to see, and a catalyst for conversations.

In this class, we'll read, discuss, and analyze books written by and about people of color, learning how literary techniques can be used to inspire activism and generate understanding, community, and empathy. We'll learn about the ways in which writers confront racial injustice through the intersections of various identities. We'll establish and expand our definitions of race, racism, anti-racist, privilege, and more, applying these concepts to our readings. We'll read several works together and our list of readings might include *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, "The Hill We Climb" by Amanda Gorman, and more. We'll also take part in a Narrative 4 story exchange to establish a class community and open our discussion about empathy.

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