

Miami Dade College  
ESL/Foreign Languages  
Course Syllabus

**HCW2020: SELECTED READINGS IN HAITIAN-CREOLE LITERATURE  
(3 CREDITS)**

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**Prerequisite:** Fluency in Haitian-Creole as determined by the Haitian-Creole placement exam.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course will emphasize reading and analyzing Haitian-Creole literature in a historical context. A variety of literature will be read and discussed in order to gain an understanding of Haitian-Creole and Haitian culture, the history of Haiti, and ways in which the literature portrays the country of Haiti and its inhabitants.

**COURSE COMPETENCIES**

Competency 1: The student will analyze myth and reality in Haitian-Creole literature by:

- a. comparing and contrasting form and content as well as identifying archetypes and myths.
- b. showing an understanding of the relationship between narrative techniques (stream of consciousness, interior monologues, etc.), myths, and other structural aspects.
- c. understanding the role of poetry and lyricism in the Haitian-Creole novel.
- d. interpreting the writing in light of structuralism and other theories of literary criticism.

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate an understanding of Haitian-Creole literature by:

- a. Comparing and discussing culture, mores, myths, philosophy, and art.
- b. Articulating the artistic as well as the cultural nuances of Haitian-Creole novels.

- c. Comparing and contrasting the themes and the techniques used by Haitian-Creole writers with those used by American and European counterparts.

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the representation of Haitian-Creole culture in literature by:

- a. Discussing culture, mores, and philosophy as reflected in literature from different historical periods.
- b. Interpreting the readings in light of varying philosophical, ethnic, religious, and moral positions.

Competency 4: The student will demonstrate a strengthening of the four basic Haitian-Creole language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) since the course is conducted entirely in Haitian-Creole.