

English 2306: Introduction to Poetry  
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What is poetry? What is its purpose? What importance does it (or could it) have in our lives as readers, as students, and as thinkers? We will seek to answer these questions and others through reading and discussion of poetry and poetic techniques. Our readings will be grouped by genre and form, as well as by subject and theme, and will include works from diverse historical periods and aesthetic allegiances. This course aims to give students a greater understanding of poetry and to improve their skills in critical thinking, composition, and style.

Requirements: two critical papers (one short, one long), and brief writing exercises.

Reading list includes: *The Norton Anthology of Poetry* (Fifth Edition) and supplemental readings.