Eastern Illinois University
New Course Proposal
English 3090G, Literary Masterworks, Honors

1. Catalog Description

   a) English 3090G
   b) Literary Masterworks, Honors
   c) (3-0-3)
   d) On demand
   e) Lit Masterworks
   f) An analysis of a group of masterworks from the Western cultural tradition that shape for
      us the identity of the culture and period to which they belong and that represent the great
      diversity within the tradition.
   g) Prerequisite: Eng 1002G or Eng 1092G and admission to the University Honors
      Program.
   h) English 3090G is a writing-intensive course.

Honors English 3090G is an accelerated version of the standard course (see attached course
proposal). Increased demands on both students and instructors in Honors sections are possible
because of reduced class size (maximum 18 students).

Honors English 3090G will follow the standard course outline, but when possible instructors will
assign complete works rather than selections.

Emphasis will be placed on the students’ abilities to discuss the assigned texts analytically. To
facilitate this, instructors will develop further the discussion questions listed in the attached
outline, will require students to make class presentations, and will expect students to comment
extensively in class on the assigned texts.

The writing assignment for Honors English 3090G will be a ten-page research paper, written in
consultation with the instructor. A student will be required to produce multiple drafts, and the
instructor will evaluate the writing project based not only on content and development but also
on the writer’s prose style.

Examinations in Honors English 3090G will reflect the deeper insight into the texts and their
socio-historical and philosophical contexts that will have emerged during the class discussions.

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