

# Literary Theory and Criticism (LITC)

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## **LITC 401 Literary Criticism (4)**

A study of literary criticism from Plato and Aristotle to the New Historicism, beginning with an examination of current critical theory and proceeding by study of the major critical documents in our literary tradition. Emphasis is placed on practical application of critical theory as well as on its history and development. *Prerequisite: ENGL 101 or HUMN 101.*

## **LITC 454 The American Literary Quarterly (4)**

The student meets regularly with the staff of the *Sewanee Review* to discuss matters of publishing history, the literary marketplace, and all levels of the editorial process. Through these discussions and analysis of primary sources, the student learns the history of the American quarterly in its various modes--from specialized academic journal, to ephemeral "little magazine," to cultural review with strong political content, to literary review with a critical program. The student writes two to three book reviews as well as a final paper graded by the editor. Open only to the Aiken Taylor Fellow. *Prerequisite: Professor consent and prerequisite override required.*