

Nebraska Wesleyan University

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ENG 2400 Moby-Dick and Democracy

2 hours

Majors, Minors & Degrees:

Majors

English (B.A.)

Departments/Programs:

English

This course will proceed from the premise that Herman Melville's 1851 novel, *Moby Dick*, encapsulates the story of America and that the book's whaling ship, the *Pequod*, serves as a floating embodiment of American democracy. The course will situate Melville's novel within the context of mid-nineteenth century American political history and explore what the book suggests are the achievements and limitations of American democracy.

Prerequisite(s): First Year Writing course.