Cerro Coso College

Course Outline of Record Report

ENGLC249: Multi-Ethnic American Literature

General Information

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Course Code (CB01) (CB01): ENGLC249

Course Title (CB02) (CB02): Multi-Ethnic American Literature

Department: English **Proposal Start:** Fall 2020

TOP Code (CB03): (1502.00) Language Arts SAM Code (CB09) (CB09): Non-occupational

Distance Education Approved: Yes

Course Control Number (CB00) (CB00): CCC000318124 **Curriculum Committee Approval Date:** 12/06/2019 03/12/2020 **Board of Trustees Approval Date: External Review Approval Date:** 03/12/2020

Course Description: This course studies the contributions to American literature by African Americans, Latino

> Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, and other ethnic minorities. It examines the extent to which literature mirrors or shapes historical and social attitudes, with particular emphasis on the

roles, images, and concerns of ethnic groups as expressed in literature.

Submission Type: Add Distance Education

Mandatory Revision

This course is being revised within the cyclical review. The distance education wording is being updated. No adequate recent textbook exists for this course at this time; therefore, instructors are encouraged to select individual novels, memoirs, and collections representing a wide cross-section of American ethnicities. This course was last assessed on 6/1/12 with no significant impacts.

Faculty Minimum Qualifications

Master Discipline Preferred: • English

Alternate Master Discipline Preferred: English

Bachelors or Associates Discipline Preferred: No value

Additional Bachelors or Associates

Discipline:

No value

Course Formerly Known As

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No Value

Course Development Options				
Basic Skills Status (CB08) (CB08)	Course Special Class Status (CB13) (CB13)	Grade Options		
Course is not a basic skills course.	Course is not a special class.	Letter Grade methodsPass/No Pass		
Allow Students to Gain Credit by Exam/Challenge	Allowed Number of Retakes	Course Prior to College Level (CB21) Not applicable.		
Rationale For Credit By Exam/Challenge No value	Retake Policy Description Type: Non-Repeatable Credit	Allow Students To Audit Course		

Associated Programs	
✓ Course is part of a program (CB24)	
Associated Program	Award Type
CC Associate in Arts in English for Transfer	A.A. Degree for Transfer
CC Liberal Arts: Arts & Humanities	A.A. Degree Major
CSU General Education (CSU GE Breadth)	CSU General Education (CSU GE Breadth)
Spanish Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer	Spanish Associate in Arts Degree for Transfer
Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum Certificate of Achievement	Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum Certificate of Achievement
CC Associate in Arts in English for Transfer	A.A. Degree for Transfer
Liberal Arts: Arts & Humanities Associate in Arts Degree	Liberal Arts: Arts & Humanities Associate in Arts Degree

Transferability & Gen. Ed. Option			
Transferability		Transferability Stat	tus
Transferable to both UC and CSU		Approved	
Cerro Coso General Education Requirements	Categories	Transferability Status	Comparable Course
Area 3.3	Humanities Literature	Approved	No Comparable Course defined.
Area 6	Diversity	Approved	
CSU General Education Certification	Categories	Transferability Status	Comparable Course
Area C.2	Arts & Humanities Humanities	Approved	No Comparable Course defined.
Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum	Categories	Transferability Status	Comparable Course
Area 3.B	Arts & Humanities Humanities	Approved	No Comparable Course defined.

Units and Hours					
Summary					
Minimum Credit Units (CB07) (CB07)	3	Total Course In-Class (C Hours	ontact)	54	Total Student Learning Hours 16
Maximum Credit Units (CB06) (CB06)	3	Total Course Out-of-Cla Hours	ss	108	Faculty Load -
Credit / Non-Credit Option	ons				
Course Credit Status (CB04) (CB04	1)	Course Non Credit Cate	gory (CB22)	(CB22)	Non-Credit Characteristics
Credit - Degree Applicable		Credit Course.			No value
Course Classification Code (CB11)	(CB11)	Funding Agency Catego	ory (CB23) (CB23)	Cooperative Work Experience Educati
Credit Course.		Not Applicable.			Status (CB10) (CB10)
Variable Credit Course					
Weekly Student Hours			Course	Student	t Hours
In Class		Out of Class	Course	Duration (\	Weeks) 18

Lecture Hours	3	6	Hours per unit divisor	54
Lab Hours	-	-	Course In-Class (Contact) Hours	
Activity Hours	-	-	Lecture	54
			Lab	-
			Activity	-
			Total	54
			Course Out-Of-Class Hours	
			Lecture	108
			Lab	-
			Activity	-
			Total	108

Time Commitment Notes for Students

Students can expect to devote approximately six hours of reading and study time per week.

Faculty Load

Extra Duty: -Faculty Load: -

Units and Hours - Weekly Specialty Hours			
Activity Name	Туре	In Class	Out of Class
No value	No value	No value	No value

Requisites

Prerequisite

ENGLC101 - Freshman Composition

In English C249, students are expected to employ the following academic skills, all of which are taught in English 101: Freshman Composition:

- Read, analyze, and evaluate a variety of university-level texts for content, context, and rhetorical merit with consideration of tone, audience,
- · Apply a variety of rhetorical strategies in writing unified, well-organized academic essays with arguable theses and persuasive support, using complex ideas presented in university-level sources.
- Integrate the ideas of others through paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting without plagiarism.
- · Find, evaluate, analyze, interpret, and see the relations among primary and secondary sources, incorporating them into written essays using accurate MLA documentation and formatting.
- Proofread and edit essays for presentation so they exhibit no disruptive errors in English grammar, usage, or punctuation.

Entrance Skills	
Skill	Content Review
No value	No value

Limitations on Enrollment			
Limitation	Provide Rationale		
No value	No value		

Specifications

Methods of Instruction

Methods of Instruction Rationale

Written work

Expository and argumentative essays of 1250-1500 words demonstrating the student's ability to write clearly structured text-based essays which require

- 1. finding, evaluating, organizing, and effectively integrating college-level source material;
- 2. employing MLA format and citation apparatus correctly; and
- 3. analyzing college-level reading material for structure, purpose, audience, and relation of ideas to other texts.

Example: Study the the concept of the "Rites of Passage." Then in your post this week, discuss Bless Me, Ultima as a story which explores the rites of passage or movement across a threshold from one world to the next. How does it work? How might you describe the two worlds? What/where is the threshold? Does the main character ever come out of his experience and incorporate once more into the familar?

Example: Write an essay in which you explore how Kingston, her experience, and her memoir relate to Ts'ai Yen, her experience, and the gift she gives to her people?

Example: Sample Essay Assignment: Write an analysis of Native Son, Bless Me, Ultima, The Woman Warrior, Jasmine, or The Collected Stories of Isaac Bashevis Singer. In your analysis, you should identify and expand upon an issue of American ethnicity represented in a work of literature, placing a work by an ethnic American writer into its American context. For instance, an essay might ask and then answer a question such as, "In what ways does this book written from this ethnic point of view contribute to our vision of America?" or, "What ethnic American issues does the piece confront and how does it do this?" or "How does the piece challenge or complicate or enhance our conception of the ethnicity it focuses upon?" or "Where does the book seem to defy popular stereotypes of the ethnicity on which it focuses?" When choosing your issue (the big, interpretive question you will be asking and exploring in order to more deeply understand the book) and formulating your claim (your answer to your issue question), consider how you are exhibiting mastery of some or all of the student learning outcomes of this course.

Instruction through examination or quizzing

Quizzes and/or exams on critical thinking, knowledge of literary terms, reading comprehension, and interpretive/analytical skills. Possible question formats may include but are not limited to multiple choice, short answer, matching, and essay questions based on prompts such as the following:

Example: Essay Question: Why did Anaya entitle this novel Bless Me, Ultima? In calling it this, what is he prioritizing or highlighting? Why does Ultima get top billing? Why not Bless Me, Maria, or Gabriel? Why is Ultima so important to Antonio? What does a blessing from her represent to

Antonio? And in the end, what does her blessing mean?

Example: True/False: Wright felt that it was fear which corrupted race relations in America. True/False

Example: True/False: One of Wright's first poems, "Between the World and Me," about the scene of a lynching Wright came across one day. True/False

Example: Anaya's work is informed by Mexican American cuentos, which are A). folk tales B). examples of city life C). methods of hunting wild animals of the Mexican American plains D). dream journeys

Weekly discussions of the literature, its accompanying literary genre, historical context, and any relevant analytical lense.

Sample Weekly Reflection on Native Son: Once you have finished Richard Wright's Native Son, read the source on the critical reception of the novel, noting in particular the ideas of critics such as Margolies, Brivic, Baldwin, and Pinckney. Then discuss which critic you either agree or disagree with most. Explain the idea of the critic and then explain how/why you agree/disagree. This is an opportunity to enter into an ongoing scholarly discussion of a well-known book.

Sample Weekly Reflection on Bless Me, Ultima: The central character of Bless Me, Ultima, Antonio, struggles to make sense of religion and morality. Why do you think Anaya includes the story of the golden carp? Does this story conflict with or compliment the Catholic faith Antonio has been taught to adhere to? How does he reconcile the two?

Sample Weekly Reflection on The Woman Warrior: Discuss the paradoxical predicament in which Chinese emigrant children are placed—the clash between how they are told to act by their parents and how they feel they should act in order to assimilate into American culture. In your answer, you might explore in particular the chapter "A Song for a Barbarian Reed Pipe."

Sample Weekly Reflection on Jasmine: On finishing the novel, read F. Timothy Ruppel's critical essay "Reinventing Ourselves a Million Times" linked below. Then discuss what you feel Ruppel means when he says that the novel Jasmine "resists closure and suggests a strategy of continual transformation as a necessary ... ethic of survival." How can a novel "resist closure"? How can a novel "suggest ... continual transformation"?

Sample Weekly Reflection on Singer's Short Stories: In the conclusion of "Taibele and Her Demon," at the grave of Alchonon, Taibele recalls something the demon told her about the afterlife: "Every sin creates a devil, and these devils are a man's children after his death. They come to demand their share. They call the dead man Father and roll him through forest and wilderness until the measure of his punishment is filled and he is ready for purification in Hell." What are Alchonon's sins? Are they difficult to conceive of as sin or as wrongdoing? Would it seem unfair to you if he suffered in an afterlife for these sins? Why/not? Alternative Question: Why, when Hurmizah the demon becomes sick, does Taibele pray for him even though she knows it is wrong to sympathize with and pray for a demon? In answering, you might explore Taibele's life before Hurmizah entered it and how this demon has impacted it either negatively or positively. Ultimately, you might comment on the hopefulness or pessimism of this story.

Delve into scholarly sources through library channels such as databases and eBooks.

Example 1: Your final project assignment is to write a critique of one of the database scholarly essays provided in this course. These articles have been provided as supplemental readings throughout the semester, so you may have even read a few of them already. Follow your interest. If you loved a particular work this semester, choose an article which delves deeply into that particular work. Doing so will likely yield an essay that is interesting to read.

Lectures on the historic or cultural context of literary works, literary terminology, critical theory, form and theory, and language.

Example: Who should be allowed to enter the United States and call themselves an American has always been one of the nation's most divisive issues and continues to drive divisiveness today. We can trace the immigration conflict to the founding of America. The early settlers were themselves immigrants but they saw America as fundamentally a white and Protestant nation. Yet key events challenged this view: the annexation of parts of Mexico in 1848, the immigration and subsequent expulsion of the Chinese in the late 19th century, and the massive emigration from Eastern Europe

Discussion

Library

Lecture

during the 1920s. View A BBC Production. Part of the series The American Future. (51 minutes) A BBC Production. View "What Is an American? The American Future" for context.

Assignments

Course assignments will include some or all of the following:

- 1. Reading assigned texts by authors such as Richard Write, Rudolfo Anaya, Maxine Hong Kingston, Bharatee Mukherjee, and Sherman Alexie, among others.
- 2. Finding, reading, and evaluating secondary sources such as scholarly essays from databases.
- 3. Perusing additional material such as textbook chapters and videos which provide historical and literary context.
- 4. Answering reading questions based on literary works and secondary sources.
- 5. Participating in weekly class discussions.
- 6. Planning, drafting, and revising academic essays.
- 7. Taking exams and quizzes.
- 8. Completing other out-of-class work such as individual presentations or group projects.

Methods of Evaluation	Methods of Evaluation Rationale
Research Paper	A formal literary analysis essay. This essay should exhibit a student's understanding of one or more of the key themes of ethnic American literature, show an understanding of literary elements, apply common literary terms, demonstrate appropriate academic discourse and conventions of literary analysis, include academic quality research material, and use correct MLA formatting and documentation.
Analysis of Primary Sources	Short essay responses or journal assignments throughout the semester. Literature from every ethnicity addressed in the course should be covered in these assignments. Prompts should lead students to reflect, hypothesize, connect, and analyze works of literature.
Participation	Weekly participation in class discussion. Are students showing up prepared each week? Are they contributing substantively to the academic conversation?
Homework	In-class and homework exercises that facilitate critical thought, reinforce understanding of the key themes of ethnic literature, and encourage the use of common literary terms.
Tests	Exams and quizzes testing the student's comprehension of course material.
Distance Education Description: how outcomes are evaluated	 Outcomes for the various methods of evaluation above are assessed in the following ways: Research papers are assessed using a rubric. Analysis of Primary Sources is assessed within student writing using a rubric. Participation is assessed weekly using a rubric focused on a set amount of substantive posts and responses to peers. Homework is assessed using completion checking or a rubric Tests are assessed using tabulated scores, plus a rubric for any written components.

Equipment

No Value

Textbooks

Author	Title	Publisher	Date	ISBN
Douglass, Frederick	Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave	Penguin	2014	978-0143107309
Lahiri, Jhumpa	Interpreter of Maladies	Mariner	1999	978-0395927205

Alexie, Sherman	You Don't Have to Say You Love Me: A Memoir	Little, Brown	2017	978-0316270755
Lam, Andrew	Birds of Paradise Lost	Red Hen	2013	978-1597092685
Erdrich, Louise	The Plague of Doves	Harper	2009	978-0060515133
Morrison, Toni	Sula	Vintage	2004	978-1400033430
Wright, Richard	Native Son	Harper	2005	978-0060929800
Anaya, Rudolfo	Bless Me, Ultima	Warner	2009	978-0446600255
Kingston, Maxine Hong	The Woman Warrior	Vintage	1989	978-0679721888
Mukherjee, Bharati.	Jasmine	Grove	1999	978-0802136305
Singer, Isaac B.	The Collected Stories of Isaac Bashevis Singer	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	1983	978-037451788
Other Instructional Materials No Value				
Materials Fee No				

Learning Outcomes and Objectives

Course Objectives

No value

CSLOs

Read actively and critically literary texts from a variety of ethnic American perspectives.

Expected SLO Performance: 70.0

English AA Degree for Transfer	 Read critically a variety of literary works in English, including diverse voices and cultures. As paper, scored with a rubric. 	ssessment:This will be assessed by a
Relate ethnic American	literary works to their historical, cultural, and aesthetic contexts.	Expected SLO Performance: 70
English Liberal Arts: Arts & Humanities AA Degree	1. describe how people throughout the ages and in different cultures have responded to themselves and the world around them in artistic and cultural creation. Assessment:	
English English AA Degree for Transfer	2. Identify key elements of literary genres in order to analyze and interpret texts. Assessment: This will be assessed by a paper, scored with a rubric.	
Analyze race and cultu	re as it relates to literature and American Literary movements.	Expected SLO Performance: 70
English English AA Degree for Transfer	3. Relate literary works to their historical, cultural, and aesthetic contexts. Assessment: This a rubric.	will be assessed by a paper, scored with
dentify recurring patte	erns and themes within the literature of specific ethnicities and within ethnic American	literature and culture as a whole. Expected SLO Performance: 70
English Liberal Arts: Arts & Hum Degree	evaluate the significance of artistic and cultural constructions. Assessment:. nanities AA	
Liberal Arts: Arts & Hum	nanities AA 3. Relate literary works to their historical, cultural, and aesthetic contexts. Assessm	nent:This will be assessed by a paper,
Liberal Arts: Arts & Hum Degree English English AA Degree for To	nanities AA 3. Relate literary works to their historical, cultural, and aesthetic contexts. Assessm	
Liberal Arts: Arts & Hum Degree English English AA Degree for To Define common literar English	3. Relate literary works to their historical, cultural, and aesthetic contexts. Assessm ransfer scored with a rubric.	Expected SLO Performance: 70
Liberal Arts: Arts & Hum Degree English English AA Degree for To Define common literar English English AA Degree for Transfer Compose formal writte	3. Relate literary works to their historical, cultural, and aesthetic contexts. Assessm ransfer scored with a rubric. y terms and apply them to the analysis of specific texts. 5. Compose formal written analyses of texts that demonstrate appropriate academic discourse and	Expected SLO Performance: 70

Outline

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- I. Composition of literary analysis
 - 1. Exploring through critical reading
 - 1. Making predictions
 - 2. Close reading
 - 3. Describing audience
 - 4. Focusing on content and form separately
 - 5. Tracing patterns within the text and noting apparent contradictions
 - 6. Identifying important words, images, or scenes
 - 7. Identifying shifts in meaning

- 8. Raising questions about the text
- 9. Considering the cultural, historical, and aesthetic relevance of a literary work
- 10. Critical approaches to literature
- 2. Planning an interpretative essay
 - 1. Selecting the text
 - 2. Identifying audience
 - 3. Identifying the main issue, claim, and evidence
 - 4. Identifying particular challenges
 - 5. Determining effective organization strategies
 - 6. Identifying common literary terms needed to study the literary type or genre
- 3. Composing
 - 1. Title
 - 2. Style
 - 3. Introduction
 - 4. Development
 - 5. Emphasis
 - 6. Conclusion
- 4. Revising
 - 1. Logic
 - 2. Organization
 - 3. Clarity
 - 4. Emphasis
 - 5. Style
 - 6. Grammar

II. Literary elements

- 1. Plot and structure
- 2. Point of view
- 3. Character
- 4. Setting
- 5. Imagery
- 6. Theme
- 7. Style
- 8. Dialog
- 9. Symbolism
- 10. Tone
- 11. Irony

III. Themes common to multi-ethnic American literature

- 1. The immigrant experience
- 2. Problems with assimilation and maintaining/creating a cultural identity
- 3. Dynamics of inter-cultural relations
- 4. Specific issues for specific groups, e.g. slavery and diaspora for African Americans, displacement of Native Americans
- 5. The ethnic American writer finding a voice within the American tradition

IV. Multi-ethnic voices in literature

- 1. African-American writers
 - 1. Social and historical contexts
 - 2. Aesthetic relevance
 - 3. Examples of writers: Frederick Douglass, W. E. B. DuBois, Rita Dove, Zora Neale Hurston, Ralph Ellison, Langston Hughes, Jamaica Kincaid, Toni Cade Bambara, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, August Wilson, Richard Wright
- 2. Latino-American writers
 - 1. Social and historical contexts
 - 2. Aesthetic relevance
 - 3. Examples of writers: Rudolfo A. Anaya, Kathleen Alcala, Sandra Cisneros, Arturo Islas, Carlos Fuentes, Helena M. Viramontes, Isabel Allende, Irene I. Blea, Oscar Hijuelos, J. L. Navarro, Alfredo Vea
- 3. Asian-American writers
 - 1. Social and historical contexts
 - 2. Aesthetic relevance
 - 3. Examples of writers: Amy Tan, Maxine Hong Kingston, Meena Alexander, Carlos Bulosan, Diana Chang, Leonard Chang, Anita Desai, Sandra Tsing Loh, Ha Jin, C. Y. Lee, Gus Lee, James Masao Mitsui, Somtow Sucharitkul, Andrew Lam
- 4. Native-American writers
 - 1. Social and historical contexts
 - 2. Aesthetic relevance
 - 3. Examples of writers: Louise Erdrich, M. Scott Momaday, Leslie Marmon Silko, Martin Cruz Smith, Jim Northrup, Nas 'Naga, Sarah Winnemucca, Louise Erdrich, Cynthia Leitich Smith, William Least Heat-Moon, Peter Kalifornsky, Black Elk, George Horse-Capture, Sherman Alexie

- 5. Other ethnic voices (Jewish-American, Indian-American)
 - 1. Social and historical contextcs
 - 2 Aesthetic relevance
 - 3. Examples of writers: Bharati Mukherjee, Jhumpa Lahiri, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Philip Roth

V. Research

- 1. The difference between primary and secondary sources
- 2. Finding and evaluating sources
- 3. Investigating the cultural, historical, and aesthetic relevance of a literary work
- 4. Balancing and documenting summary, paraphrase, and direct quotes
- 5. MLA Style
 - 1. Formatting
 - 2. Parenthetical citations
 - 3. Works Cited

Delivery Methods

Delivery Method: Please list all that apply -Face to face -Online (purely online no face-to-face contact) -Online with some required face-to-face meetings ("Hybrid") -Online course with on ground testing -iTV - Interactive video = Face to face course with significant required activities in a distance modality -Other

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- Online with some required face-to-face meetings ("Hybrid")
- iTV Interactive video = Face to face course with significant required activities in a distance modality

Rigor Statement: Assignments and evaluations should be of the same rigor as those used in the on-ground course. If they are not the same as those noted in the COR on the Methods of Evaluation and out-of-class assignments pages, indicate what the differences are and why they are being used. For instance, if labs, field trips, or site visits are required in the face to face section of this course, how will these requirements be met with the same rigor in the Distance Education section? Describe the ways in which instructor-student contact and student-student contact will be facilitated in the distance ed environments.

Online: Regular and effective contact between instructor and student in the online environment is accomplished primarily through weekly discussions within the learning management system (LMS); students post to weekly prompts, and the instructor engages with students in the resulting discussion threads. Options for additional methods of contact are identical to the onsite course, including messaging via LMS, a college-adopted networking app (such as Pronto), email, live video conferencing, and/or telephone. Student-to-student contact is accomplished primarily through weekly discussions and possibly a college-adopted networking app. All paper assignments are identical to those in an onsite class, except that they are submitted within the LMS. Likewise, guizzes and exams are also delivered within the LMS. The instructor is responsible for providing substantive feedback on student work via online methods such as rubrics, comment spaces, private online discussion, video conferencing, or direct messaging.

Hybrid: All student-instructor and student-student contact in a hybrid course are identical to the online course but with the addition of some face-to-face meetings that the instructor may use to connect with students through in-class lecture, discussion, testing, feedback, and other in-class activities.

iTV: Regular and effective contact between instructor and student in an iTV course is identical to a traditional onsite course, excepting that some students are attending the iTV course remotely. Additional methods of contact are identical to onsite courses. Student-to-student contact is likewise the same, with remote students participating equally with each other and with students at the host location. All paper assignments and their assessments are identical to those in a regular onsite class but will be collected and assessed using a medium such as LMS assignments or Turnitin. Lectures and class discussions are conducted through iTV. The instructor is responsible for providing feedback either through iTV conferences, e-mail, LMS messaging, phone conferences, or office hours. The instructor must provide substantive critiques of all essays, as well as some assessment of iTV class participation.

Good practice requires both asynchronous and synchronous contact for effective contact. List the methods expected of all instructors teaching the course. -Learning Management System -Discussion Forums -Message -Other Contact -Chat/Instant Messaging -E-mail -Face-to-face meeting(s) -Newsgroup/Discussion Board -Proctored Exam -Telephone -iTV - Interactive Video -Other

- Discussion Forums
- Message
- E-mail
- Newsgroup/Discussion Board

Software and Equipment: What additional software or hardware, if any, is required for this course purely because of its delivery mode? How is technical support to be provided?

Up-to-date web browser.

Accessibility: Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act requires access to the Federal government's electronic and information technology. The law covers all types of electronic and information technology in the Federal sector and is not limited to assistive technologies used by people with disabilities. It applies to all Federal agencies when they develop, procure, maintain, or use such technology. Federal agencies must ensure that this technology is accessible to employees and the public to the extent it does not pose an "undue burden". I am using -iTV—Interactive Video only -Learning management system -Publisher course with learning management system interface.

- iTV—Interactive Video only
- · Learning management system

Class Size: Good practice is that section size should be no greater in distance ed modes than in regular face-to-face versions of the course. Will the recommended section size be lower than in on-ground sections? If so, explain why.

Recommended class size is the same in all methods of delivery.