**Mohawk Valley Community College**

**Utica and Rome, New York**

**Course Outline**

**EN275: Shakespeare C-3, CR-3**

**Catalog Description:**

This course examines the life and work of William Shakespeare, the context in which Shakespeare was writing, and the importance of the theater during the English Renaissance.

**Prerequisite:** EN 102 English 2: Ideas & Values in Literature.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon the successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

* Utilize critical thinking skills in analysis of Shakespearean works.
* Demonstrate an understanding of the social, cultural, political, and historical contexts and issues occurring during the English Renaissance.
* Analyze Shakespeare’s works as a reflection of the Renaissance in England.
* Demonstrate knowledge of drama and the theater of Shakespeare through performance.
* Analyze Shakespeare’s influence on literature and the contemporary world.
* Create two documented research papers which will demonstrate analytical skills and utilize primary and secondary research sources.

**Major Topics:**

* Introduction to the English Renaissance and Elizabethan Theater
* Comedies
* Romances
* Histories
* Tragedies

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