

It is not mandatory that you buy or read any texts before you arrive, but in preparation for your studies, you may find the following useful:

BA American History and BA American Studies:

The following are compulsory texts in your first year:

- Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman, Edward J. Blum and Jon Gjerde (Eds.), *Major Problems in American History Volume I: To 1877* (Boston: Wadsworth Cengage, 2017)
- Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman, Edward J. Blum and Jon Gjerde (Eds.), *Major Problems in American History Volume II: From 1865* (Boston: Wadsworth Cengage, 2017)
- Eric Foner, *Give Me Liberty! An American History* [Fifth edition] (New York: W.W.Norton, 2016).

Extra-Curricular reading that will help broaden your horizons and introduce you to the discipline:

- Colson Whitehead, *The Underground Railroad*.
- Yaa Gyasi, *Homegoing*,
- Ta-Nehisi Coates, *Between the World and Me*

BA American & English Literature, BA American Literature and Creative Writing

The following is a compulsory text in your first year:

- *Norton Anthology of American Literature* (9th Edition), Package 1: Volumes A and B - Beginnings to 1865 (WW Norton & Co, 2016) ISBN: 978-0-393-26454-8
- *Norton Anthology of American Literature* (9th Edition), Package 2: Volumes C, D, E - 1865 to the present (WW Norton & Co, 2016) ISBN: 978-0-393-26455-5

You may also use the full length 8th edition, volumes A to E, if you are willing to seek out any missing excerpts.

Also on your first year syllabus are the following texts which you may also wish to read beforehand:

- Nathaniel Hawthorne, *The Scarlet Letter*
- Mark Twain, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
- Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

Extra-Curricular reading that will help broaden your horizons and introduce you to the discipline includes:

- Toni Morrison, *Beloved*
- James Baldwin, *Giovanni's Room*
- Joan Didion, *Slouching Towards Bethlehem*
- Maxine Hong Kingston, *The Woman Warrior*
- Don DeLillo, *Cosmopolis*
- Art Spiegelman, *The Complete Maus*
- Leslie Marmon Silko, *Ceremony*