

**Department:** English

**Course:** Creative Writing

**Course Description:**

This semester-long Creative Writing course invites students to explore the art of storytelling across genres, including fiction, poetry, and personal narrative. Through daily writing exercises, reading mentor texts, and participating in workshops, students will develop their voices as writers and learn to craft compelling characters, vivid settings, realistic dialogue, and meaningful themes. Weekly units will focus on core elements of creative writing, encouraging students to ask: *What makes a character believable? How does setting shape a story? What does strong dialogue reveal?* Students will revise and polish selected pieces for a final portfolio, gaining confidence in writing and sharing their work.

**Content:**

Writing process and habits  
Elements of fiction  
Short stories  
Writing dialogue  
Personal narrative  
Monologue writing  
Poetry

**Skills:**

Reading and analyzing mentor texts  
Workshops and peer feedback  
Revising and editing for clarity, flow, and impact  
Generating ideas and brainstorming techniques  
Freewriting and building a daily writing habit  
Understanding and applying plot structure  
Developing believable, complex characters  
Exploring different points of view  
Creating vivid, sensory settings  
Establishing mood and tone through word choice  
Experimenting with narrative voice and style  
Identifying and expressing themes in writing  
Using symbolism and metaphor effectively  
Giving and receiving constructive peer feedback  
Compiling and reflecting on a writing portfolio

**Texts and Materials:**

None

**Methods of Instruction:**

Lecture  
Small group discussion  
Writing Workshops  
Grammar study

**Methods of Evaluation:**

Discussion

Completed genres of personal work

Presentations

