

Department: English

Course: Creative Writing

Course Description:

This one-semester senior English elective is designed to allow students to freely explore and study the purpose of writing in the following genres: fiction, poetry, and drama. The course will be divided into these areas, and students will receive writing prompts to which they must reply. In composing a work, the writer should combine elements of psychology, philosophy, language, and scientific observation. Students will be required to closely observe the world around them and the human experience while practicing, improving, and developing their writing skills.

Content:

Short stories

Drama in the form of one-act plays (The usual group writing of and acting out of these plays may be affected by COVID mandates)

Poetry

Everyday critical reviews

Lectures

Spontaneous writing prompts and exercises

Skills:

Reading and comprehending poetry and prose

Reading and comprehending story elements

Recognizing genre types

Respect each other's opinions while using writing workshops

Recognizing and deliberately using specific parts of speech and sentence types

Constructing paragraphs

Writing formally and informally

Writing personal poetry

Responding to prompts

Participating in formal and informal class discussions

Articulating complex and creative ideas on paper and orally

Texts and Materials:

McWhorter, Kathleen, Successful College Writing (Bedford/St. Martin's. 2012)

Kiester, Jane Bell, Caught'ya Again! (Maupin House. 1993)

Methods of Instruction:

Lecture

Small group discussions- Very limited opportunity for this due to COVID mandates

Writing Workshops

Grammar study

Methods of Evaluation:

Quizzes

Story starters

Completed genres of personal work

Presented projects- All projects will be individual and not group oriented due to COVID mandates

