

Master Syllabus

ENG 2256 - Fiction Writing

Division: Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

Department: English

Credit Hour Total: 3.0

Lecture Hrs: 3.0

Prerequisite(s): ENG 1101

Date Revised: March 2015

Course Description:

Traditional elements of short stories (character, scene, conflict, exposition, dialogue, plot and point of view) will be studied, involving student practice in a workshop setting. In addition to extensive student practice, students will read and analyze the work of published writers, learn how to submit their own work for publication and extensively study and write in one or more literary genres. Students will also study alternative or experimental fiction writing techniques.

General Education Outcomes:

- ▣ Written Communication Competency
- ▣ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- ▣ Computer Literacy Competency
- ▣ Information Literacy Competency
- ▣ Oral Communication Competency
- ▣ Values/Citizenship/Community Competency

Course Outcomes:

Composing Short Stories

Integrate short story elements of plot, character, setting, point of view, beats, interior monologue, and voice into students' own stories.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher based on the English Department's Grading Standards for Essays

Collaborate

Collaborate in large and small group settings to critique fiction.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher based on the English Department's Grading Standards for Essays

Revise and Edit

Extensively revise and edit students' own and others' stories.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria:

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Stylistic Elements of Fiction

Analyze stylistic elements of tone, diction, point of view, dialogue, and sentence structure in professional published fiction.

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Literary Genres

Become familiar with and write in one or more literary genres.

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Publishing Concepts

Prepare manuscripts for publication, including writing cover letters and researching markets.

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Outline:

Character
Conflict
Writing vivid scenes

Setting
Dialogue
Exposition
Plot
Point of view
Voice
Genres of fiction
Alternative or experimental fiction techniques
Deep revision
Submitting work for publication
Business of publication