

Master Syllabus

ENG 2259 - Novel Writing

Division: Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

Department: English

Credit Hour Total: 3.0

Lecture Hrs: 3.0

Prerequisite(s): DEV 0035

Date Revised: May 2016

Course Description:

Novel writing covers advanced study of traditional novel elements in a workshop setting, including the mechanics of manuscript submission.

General Education Outcomes:

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

Course Outcomes:

Writing Techniques

Learn techniques of plotting, sub-plotting, and pacing.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher according to English Dept. Grading Standards for Essays

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher

Understanding Publishing Concepts

Learn the role of agents, editors, and publishers in marketing novels.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher based on English Dept. Grading Standards for Essays

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher

Identify Genre

Choose a genre in which to write a novel.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher according to the English Dept. Grading Standards for Essays

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher

Collaborate

Collaborate in small groups and a workshop setting.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher

Understanding Conventions

Demonstrate understanding of manuscript and query letter mechanics.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher based on the English Dept. Grading Standards for Essays

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher

Composing and Revising

Write and revise novel chapters.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher based on the English Dept. Grading Standards for Essays

Assessment Method: Portfolios

Performance Criteria:

Grade of 70% or higher

Outline:

Creating a novel drafting outline

Creating character bios

Creating setting descriptions

Writing three novel chapters drafts for group and instructor feedback

Creating a final novel proposal (cover letter, short synopsis, three revised and polished chapters)