

Creative Writing: Fiction 401

Class

TR 10-11:15 am

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MWF – 1-3pm

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Course Overview

In this course, we will slowly learn our own worth as a creative writer. We will focus on short fiction, no more than twenty pages. We will submit projects for the class to read and critique during workshops. We will also learn some technique, form, and syntax when writing. The course is entirely of what you make it. So let's make it great!

Required Text

- How to Write Fiction, *Adam Schexnayder*
- 1000 Writing Prompts, *Scholastic*

All course material will be available in the bookstore. You can also search the web for cheaper version including online texts and paperback.

Course Materials

There are not many things that you will need for this class. However, you will need the following items:

- Notebook
- Pens
- Folder

Resources

As a writer, the best resource is reading. I encourage all of you to read as much as you can throughout the semester. If you want any suggestions, feel free to ask me. We will have some online resources that may help you complete the requirements for this course.

- Moodle
- JSTOR
- Project Gutenberg
- Kindle
- Amazon
- ULL Library

Assignment Schedule

Week	Assignment
1	First story (Short, about ten pages)
3	Second Story (About fifteen pages)
5	Revision (Revision of both stories)
9	Portfolio (Everything you have written)

Week	Reading of How to Write Fiction
1	Chapters 1-4
3	Chapters 5-7
5	Chapters 8-9
9	Chapters 10-15

Journal Policy

I would like for you to keep a journal of all the experiences that you have this semester. I want you to write a page or so a week. Anything you want. You have sole creative liberty with this. You will show me this on the last day of class to make sure that you made some sort of progress. I suggest you use writing prompts from the required text to help you develop your writing.

Attendance

According to the University, you are only allowed to miss three classes all semester. I feel this does not adequately relate to life. Therefore, I will not take attendance. However, I will know how much you are in class. We have ten students. Just make sure you contribute appropriately and we will all be fine.

Grading

I will grade you on completion. As long as you complete all the assignments, participate in workshops, and come to class, you will be fine. Just remember, make sure each sentence is the best it can be!

Academic Honesty

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette policy on academic dishonesty is outlined in the 2013-2015 Undergraduate Catalog and the Code of Student Conduct will be followed. Both of these documents can be found on Ulink under the Student tab. Failure to adhere to academic honesty policies may lead to academic penalties, up to and including failure of the course. If a student is uncertain about how to appropriately cite research or any other borrowed information, it is his or her responsibility to ask the instructor or visit The Writing Center (see below).