

# Course Syllabus

## CREATIVE WRITING

For many hundreds of years, literature has been one of the most important human art forms. It allows us to give voice to our emotions, create imaginary worlds, express ideas, and escape the confines of material reality. Through creative writing, we can come to understand ourselves and our world a little bit better. This course provides students with a solid grounding in the writing process, from finding inspiration to building a basic story to using complicated literary techniques and creating strange hybrid forms of poetic prose and prose poetry. By the end of this course, students will learn how to discover their creative thoughts and turn those ideas into fully realized pieces of creative writing.

### Unit 1: Starting the Path to Creative Writing

#### Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Analyze how an author's craft can create such effects as mystery, tension, or surprise.
2. Analyze how an author uses source material in a specific work to illuminate a theme.
3. Distinguish between genres of creative writing.
4. Understand the history and origins of creative writing.

### UNIT 1 Assignments

Assignment	Type	Score
Unit 1 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 1 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points

Unit 1 Activity	Homework	15 points
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 1 Quiz	Quiz	15 points

## Unit 2: Finding Your Creative Light

### Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Understand how language functions in different contexts and how to make effective word choices.
2. Recognize the importance of an author's voice and how it affects tone and style.
3. Engage in the act of free writing and journaling for inspiration.
4. "Mine" for ideas from various places.

### UNIT 2 Assignments

Assignment	Type	Score
Unit 2 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 2 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 2 Activity	Homework	15 points
Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points

Unit 2 Quiz	Quiz	15 points
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## Unit 3: Fiction First

### Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Analyze how language contributes to characterization.
2. Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of language.
3. Describe how a theme or central idea runs through a text and develops over time.
4. Understand the characteristics of fiction and its literary elements.
5. Determine the strategies necessary when crafting effective characters.

## UNIT 3 Assignments

Assignment	Type	Score
Unit 3 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 3 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 3 Activity	Homework	15 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 3 Quiz	Quiz	15 points

## Unit 4: A Fictional Place

### Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Analyze how a writer unfolds a series of ideas, events, or descriptions to enhance setting.
2. Determine the meaning of words and phrases in stories, including the use of figurative language.
3. Examine how a writer's creative choices affect the tone and mood of the story.
4. Understand the importance of a fictional setting and how it influences other literary elements.

## UNIT 4 Assignments

Assignment	Type	Score
Unit 4 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 4 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 4 Activity	Homework	15 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 4 Quiz	Quiz	15 points

## Creative Writing Midterm Exam

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from the first four units in this course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

## MIDTERM Assignments

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Score</b>
Creative Writing Midterm Exam	Exam	<b>50 points</b>
Midterm Discussion Assignment	Discussion	5 points

## Unit 5: Speech in Writing

### Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Analyze how characters develop over the course of a story.
2. Understand the purpose and approach to writing effective dialogue.
3. Utilize the strategies of writing a sketch story.
4. Examine how dialogue is an integral part of both fiction and screenwriting.

### UNIT 5 Assignments

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Score</b>
Unit 5 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 5 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 5 Activity	Homework	15 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 5 Quiz	Quiz	15 points

## Unit 6: When Truth Meets Imagination

### Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Determine how an author uses point of view to attain certain goals.
2. Recognize and understand the various areas of creative nonfiction.
3. Analyze how certain details within the text shape and refine the overall message.
4. Identify how to treat facts and truths when creating a narrative.

### UNIT 6 Assignments

Assignment	Type	Score
Unit 6 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 6 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 6 Activity	Homework	15 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 6 Quiz	Quiz	15 points

## Unit 7: Finding Your Inner Poet

### Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Analyze and define the way a subject can vary depending on how it is told.
2. Determine how and where details are emphasized in various accounts.

3. Identify how poetry can access significant ideas through imagery and other literary devices.
4. Understand the key strategies of poetic structure.

## UNIT 7 Assignments

Assignment	Type	Score
Unit 7 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 7 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 7 Activity	Homework	15 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 7 Quiz	Quiz	15 points

## Unit 8: Revision and Purpose

### Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Explain the difference between a revision and a critique.
2. List several approaches to revision that allow you to see your first draft with more objectivity.
3. Explain what professional expectations there are for the different types of writing-related careers.
4. Demonstrate the purpose and process of drafting and editing.

## UNIT 8 Assignments

Assignment	Type	Score
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Unit 8 Text Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 8 Online Lab Questions	Homework	10 points
Unit 8 Activity	Homework	15 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 1	Discussion	5 points
Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 2	Discussion	5 points
Unit 8 Quiz	Quiz	15 points

## Creative Writing Final Exam

### Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from units five to eight in this course – the last four units.

(Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

## **FINAL** Assignments

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Score</b>
Creative Writing Final Exam	Exam	<b>50 points</b>
Class Reflection Discussion Assignment	Discussion	10 points