

Course Title: N 355 Advanced Creative Writing

Course Description:

This course deals with writing strategies with emphasis on writing clearly, effectively and interestingly for a variety of purposes and audiences. With the belief that writing as a process of discovery, students will be offered topics on writing creative nonfiction, storytelling tips and techniques building better vocabulary, and building great sentences.

Course Objectives:

At the end of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Understand literary genres and the ways their unique styles and characteristics.
2. Apply rhetorical concepts in writing and be able to adapt writing to a variety of different situations.
3. Follow step-by-step guides of writing process.
4. Learn the process of writing creative fiction.
5. Develop the research skills to support writing pieces.
6. Learn about the ethics of writing about true experiences, biographies, and autobiographies.
7. Practice new writing strategies that will help master the art of storytelling.
8. Revise and edit own work with new insights and confidence.
9. Learn highly effective research techniques to help one's personal interest in prose as well as how to craft the nonfiction story that one has always wanted to tell.
10. Write a piece of fiction and to explore the concept of evocation, or the art of making fictional characters.
11. Understand and apply the core principles of vocabulary learning.
12. Examine words in rich context to get a better feel for how to actually use them in writing.
13. Explore the distinction in meaning among closely related words.
14. Utilize basic strategies that help make sentences more effective.
15. Apply basic principles that guide the creation and use of sentences.
16. Understand how sentences combine ideas to present information and how to use our knowledge of the ways in which sentences combine ideas to present our own ideas more effectively.
17. Discover and practice some of the syntactical strategies professional writers regularly employ to ensure that sentences will be effective.