

Creative Writing

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Creative Writing focuses on the four-step Process Writing model and the reading of professional writings to motivate students to create original essays, poems and short stories. The writing assignments include narration, definition, process analysis, cause and effect and comparison/contrast. Students learn self-editing skills by following the instructor's detailed suggestions for the revision and refinement of their work.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course aims to meet four major objectives:

- Demonstrate the importance of integrating reading assignments and personal life experiences into a student's writing projects
- Illustrate the utilization of the three step writing process
- Practice the use of the seven standard methods to develop writing
- Improve the student's writing mechanics and self-editing skills

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE LENGTH: Two semesters

REQUIRED TEXT: *Patterns of Exposition 18th Edition*, by Robert A. Schwegler, 2007, Pearson Education. ISBN #03214092123

Writing Skills Handbook 5th Edition, by Charles Bazeman, 2003, Houghton Mifflin McDougal Little; ISBN #0618552146

COURSE OUTLINE:

The Writing Process

- Brainstorming
- Planning
- First Draft
- Second Draft
- Final Revisions

Using Description and Narration to Develop Writing

Using Definition and Classification and Division to Develop Writing