

Advanced Creative Writing - Class Syllabus

Category: Communication

Grade Levels: 6–12

Format: Online (Google Classroom)

Note: This will be a different Google Classroom than the one used by your mentor. The class code will be emailed the week before class starts.

Course Overview

- Instructor: Mark Ring
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- Qualifications:
 - Michigan Teacher Certification
 - Certified in English, Film, and Drama (Grades 6–12)

Course Description

This 8-week online course is designed for students who already have experience with creative writing and want to take their work to the next level. Students will have the opportunity to choose the writing formats and genres they want to focus on—such as poetry, short stories, flash fiction, playwriting, screenwriting or novel excerpts. Weekly assignments will be based on personal writing goals, instructor feedback, and individual areas of interest.

Schedule and Structure

- Start Date: Monday, September 8
 - End Date: Sunday, November 2
 - Frequency: Once a week (asynchronous)
 - Weekly Commitment: Minimum 2 hours
 - Total Time Requirement: 16 hours
 - Assignment Posting: Mondays (weekly)
 - Deadline: One week to complete each task
 - Location: Google Classroom (code will be emailed)
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Weekly Schedule

Week	Dates	Focus Area
1	Sept 8 – Sept 14	Weclome
2	Sept 15 – Sept 21	Student-Directed
3	Sept 22 – Sept 28	Student-Directed
4	Sept 29 – Oct 5	Student-Directed
5	Oct 6 – Oct 12	Student-Directed
6	Oct 13 – Oct 19	Student-Directed
7	Oct 20 – Oct 26	Student-Directed
8	Oct 27 – Nov 2	Student-Directed

Assessment & Expectations

- Participation: Active weekly participation is required.
 - Assignment Submission: Students must submit work each week and respond to the instructor's feedback.
 - Personalization: Students will set their own creative goals and reflect on their progress.
 - Make-Up Work: Missed assignments should be made up promptly unless there is an emergency.
 - Quality of Work: Effort, originality, and improvement are key expectations.
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Class Policies

- Be consistent with weekly participation.
 - Complete and turn in all writing assignments on time.
 - Communicate with the instructor if you fall behind or need help with your focus area.
 - Independent thinking, goal-setting, and creative risk-taking are encouraged.
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