

LA464O/ Creative Writing Syllabus

Course Title----- Creative Writing
 Course Number----- LA464O
 Grades:----- 10-12
 High School Credit Value:----- 0.5
 Prerequisites:----- N/A

Course Length:----- Regular courses: 17 weeks
 CR: 9-17 weeks.

Course Time:----- Regular courses: 17 week schedule: 75 - 90
 minutes per school day (6-7.5 hours per
 week)
 Credit Retrieval: 75 - 90 minutes per
 school day (6-7.5 hours per week) until
 course completion.

{ Course Description }

Creative Writing is the writing of narrative short stories, personal essays, and poetry based on life's experiences. The idea behind this class is that one's life experiences are worthy of writing about and that sticking to what one knows -- and wrestling with the truth of it -- leads to fluidity, authenticity, clarity, and a smooth conversational style. We write narratives for the first half of class, using readings to provide strong examples. The second half of the class studies and writes poetry.

This class is intended for students with junior or senior standing.

This course helps meet the state minimum requirements of English 3.0 credits. Please check with your district for more specific requirements.

Course Materials:

All materials necessary for class are included in our website.

State Alignments

Washington State Standards guided the design of the course. Learning expectations are found within the course itself.

Topic	Domain	Unit
Reading	Key Ideas and Details	1,2,3,4
	Craft and Structure	1,2,3,4
	Integration of Knowledge and Ideas	1,2,3,4

	Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity	1,2,3,4
Writing	Text Types and Purposes	1,2,3,4
	Production and Distribution of Writing	1,2,3,4
	Research to Build and Present Knowledge	1,3,
Language	Conventions of Standard English	1,2,3,4
	Knowledge of Language	1,2,3,4
	Vocabulary Acquisition and Use	1,2,3,4

Course Outline

Unit	Title	17 Week LPC	12 Week LPC
1	Description by Design	4 wks	3 wks
2	Getting to Know You	4 wks	3 wks
3	Poetic Forms	4 wks	3 wks
4	Clever Compositions	4 wks	3 wks

All materials necessary for class are included in the course pages.

Course Work

All formative and summative assignments will be submitted through our learning system, on the assessment pages. We recommend working in a writing program, such as Word, on your home computer, saving, and then cutting and pasting your work into the assessment text boxes. Plagiarized assignments will receive no credit. Students who complete class successfully will have followed the timeline laid out in our course schedule.

Students can contact the course instructor in several ways including: email, online live chat, online live office hours, by telephone, through assignment pages in class, and by coming to our campus in Federal Way.

When you send in revisions, underline or change the color of the revised text. ***Every change you make from the draft to the final should stand out. The only way to do this will be to save your work in a program such as Word and then paste in the final copy, with the different color revisions made, to our assessment text box.***

Grading

Important Note! The above grading scale will be used on all assignments. Grades of "D" are not granted credit in the Federal Way School District. Be certain to be aware of your home school district's credit requirements.

Final grades are a compilation of the scores achieved on the assignments listed on the LPC.

A final passing grade (C) will be earned by meeting the standards for the course. To earn a B or an A, your writing will demonstrate a higher, richer, deeper level of understanding of the concepts taught.

Students may revise work to show achievement of the assignment's requirements, if they do so in a timely manner, and make all revisions in a different color type than the original assignment. Large numbers of assignments turned in at the end of the semester, and tests turned in at any time, may not be revised.

Occupational Credit:

This course may qualify for *occupational credit. Please consult your school counselor for further clarification.

*Please note that FLA901 (Sign Language) does not qualify for occupational credit.

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