



**COURSE OUTLINE**

**CRWR 202**

**INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE WRITING II**

**45 HOURS  
3 CREDITS**

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APPLIED ARTS DIVISION  
CRWR 202  
Credit Course  
Fall, 2015

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## INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE WRITING II: WRITING FICTION AND NONFICTION

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**INSTRUCTOR:** Jamella Hagen, MFA

**OFFICE HOURS:** By appointment

**OFFICE LOCATION:**

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**DATES:** Sep 14-Dec 18, 2015

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### COURSE CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Introduces beginning writers to the writing of two creative writing genres (varies per term). The study and development of craft, the exploration of voice, and the acquisition of critiquing skills are emphasized.

#### Detailed Course Description

“If there’s a book that you want to read, but it hasn’t been written yet, then you must write it.” -Toni Morrison

This course introduces the writing of fiction and creative nonfiction. The course will include selected readings by contemporary writers, short lectures and discussions of the writing craft, in-class writing exercises, and workshop discussions of students’ own creative pieces. We will also briefly touch on publishing and developing portfolios for future study, but the emphasis will be on students’ current writing projects. Regular attendance and commitment to deadlines are essential in this course, but topics are open and creative exploration is our focus.

#### PREREQUISITES

Prerequisite(s): Six credits of university-level composition and/or literature.

## EQUIVALENCY OR TRANSFERABILITY

CAMO CRWR 100 lev (3)                      SFU GE 1CRWRIT (3)                      TRU ENGL 2xx0 (3)  
TRU-OL ENGL 2xx1 (3)                      TWU ENGL 208 (3)  
UBC Any two of YUKO CRWR 201, YUKO CRWR 202, YUKO CRWAR 241 =  
UBC CRWR 202 (6)  
UBCO ENGL 2<sup>nd</sup> (3)                      UFV GE 1xx (3)                      UNBC ENGL 2xx (3)  
UVIC WRIT 100 lev (1.5)

Please refer to B.C. Transfer Guide (available as a link on the online course page) for the most up to date information on course transferability. If you have questions about course transferability, contact the School of Liberal Arts.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- write original fiction and creative nonfiction
- critique written fiction and creative nonfiction from an editorial perspective based on the requirements of craft
- revise fiction and creative nonfiction as part of an editorial process
- analyse literature from a writer's perspective and describe the effects of authorial choices such as narrative structure, syntax, and point of view

## COURSE FORMAT

This course will consist of one three-hour seminar per week, which will include short lectures and discussion of the writing craft, in-class writing exercises, and writing workshops. During writing workshops, the instructor will facilitate discussion of students' written assignments. The aim will be to recognize the strengths and possibilities of the piece under discussion, and to offer suggestions for revision. All feedback should be generous and specific, and should be provided in support of both the writer and the piece of writing under discussion.

## ASSESSMENTS

### Attendance and Participation

Active participation in this course is fundamental to developing a constructive, creative environment and achieving course learning outcomes. For this reason, class participation in the form of contributions to class discussion and completion of in-class writing exercises is worth 20% of the course grade.

### Readings

Reading is integral to the writing process, and this course involves a variety of assigned readings by professional writers. In addition, students will be expected to read the work of fellow students and provide constructive written feedback. All assigned readings and written critiques must be completed before the class in which they are scheduled for discussion.

## Assignments

This course includes four writing assignments. Assignments will normally be discussed in class the week after they are handed in. Photocopies of each assignment for the instructor and for all students in the class are required to facilitate discussion. As class discussion is frequently based on students' work, all assignments must be completed and handed in on the due date.

## Final Portfolio

There will be no final examination in this course. Instead, students will submit an end-of-term portfolio consisting of the four assignments submitted during the course, two of which must be revisions. Revisions will be based on in-class discussion and written comments.

## EVALUATION

Writing Assignments	80%
Assignment 1: Creative Nonfiction (500-3000 words)	
Assignment 2: Fiction (500-3000 words)	
Assignment 3: Fiction (500-3000 words)	
Assignment 4: Open (500-3000 words)	
Revision 1 (writer's choice from assignments 1-4)	
Revision 2 (writer's choice from assignments 1-4)	
Class participation	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

## REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS

Burroway, Janet. *Imaginative Writing: The Elements of Craft*. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. New York: Pearson, 2015. Print.

ISBN-13: 9780134053240

## **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT CONDUCT**

Information on academic standing and student rights and responsibilities can be found in the Academic Regulations:

[http://www.yukoncollege.yk.ca//downloads/Yukon\\_College\\_Academic\\_Regulations\\_and\\_Procedures\\_-\\_August\\_2013\\_final\\_v1.pdf](http://www.yukoncollege.yk.ca//downloads/Yukon_College_Academic_Regulations_and_Procedures_-_August_2013_final_v1.pdf)

## **PLAGIARISM**

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence. Plagiarism occurs when students present the words of someone else as their own. Plagiarism can be the deliberate use of a whole piece of another person's writing, but more frequently it occurs when students fail to acknowledge and document sources from which they have taken material. Whenever the words, research or ideas of others are directly quoted or paraphrased, they must be documented according to an accepted manuscript style (e.g., APA, CSE, MLA, etc.). Resubmitting a paper which has previously received credit is also considered plagiarism. Students who plagiarize material for assignments will receive a mark of zero (F) on the assignment and may fail the course. Plagiarism may also result in dismissal from a program of study or the College.

## **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION**

Reasonable accommodations are available for students requiring an academic accommodation to fully participate in this class. These accommodations are available for students with a documented disability, chronic condition or any other grounds specified in section 8.0 of the Yukon College Academic Regulations (available on the Yukon College website). It is the student's responsibility to seek these accommodations. If a student requires an academic accommodation, he/she should contact the Learning Assistance Centre (LAC) at (867) 668-8785 or [lassist@yukoncollege.yk.ca](mailto:lassist@yukoncollege.yk.ca).

## **LORENE ROBERTSON WRITING CENTRE**

All students are encouraged to make the Lorene Robertson Writing Centre a regular part of the writing process for coursework. Located in C2231 (adjacent the College Library), the Writing Centre offers half-hour writing coaching sessions to students of all writing abilities. Coaching sessions are available in person and through distance technologies (e.g., email plus Skype or phone). For further information or to book an appointment, visit the Centre's website:

[www.yukoncollege.yk.ca/student\\_info/pages/writing\\_centre](http://www.yukoncollege.yk.ca/student_info/pages/writing_centre).

## **Creative Writing 202** **Course Schedule • Fall 2015**

Course Text: *Imaginative Writing: The Elements of Craft* (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) by Janet Burroway

*\*Note: Readings are to be completed before they are scheduled for in-class discussion.*

*\*Note 2: This course schedule is intended as a guide. The instructor may make changes if needed.*

### **Week 1**

#### **Introduction to Creative Writing 202**

- Course outline, schedule and assignments
- Introductory Writing Exercise: Image
- The Writing Process

Reading

- “A Word About Your Workshop”

### **Week 2**

#### **Introduction to Creative Nonfiction**

Reading

- Chapter 8: Creative Nonfiction

### **Week 3**

#### **Creative Nonfiction: Getting Started**

Reading

- Chapter 1: Invitation to the Writer

Workshop

- Assignment 1: Creative Nonfiction

### **Week 4**

#### **Creative Nonfiction: Image**

Reading

- Chapter 2: Image

Workshop

- Assignment 1: Creative Nonfiction

### **Week 5**

**Thanksgiving—no class**

### **Week 6**

#### **Introduction to Fiction**

Reading

- Chapter 9: Fiction

Workshop

- Assignment 1: Creative Nonfiction

## **Week 7**

### **Fiction: Voice**

Reading

- Chapter 3: Voice

Workshop

- Assignment 2: Fiction

## **Week 8**

### **Fiction: Character**

Reading

- Chapter 4: Character

Workshop

- Assignment 2: Fiction

## **Week 9**

### **Fiction: Setting**

Reading

- Chapter 5: Setting

Workshop

- Assignment 3: Fiction

## **Week 10**

### **Fiction: Story**

Reading

- Chapter 6: Story

Workshop

- Assignment 3: Fiction

## **Week 11**

### **Development and Revision**

Reading

- Chapter 7: Development and Revision

Workshop

- Assignment 4: Open

## **Week 12**

### **Future Directions: Writing Programs, Public Readings, Publication**

Discussion

- Writing programs, public readings, publication

Workshop

- Assignment 4: Open

□ **Week 14 FINAL PORTFOLIO DUE**