

Course Overview:

The purpose of this course is for students to improve their essay writing:

1. Students will study prior essays to learn suitable and exemplary forms.
2. Students will work long-term on a single major essay, reworking it constantly to refine their editing and rewriting skills
3. Students will gain an appreciation of their own critical capacity and learn to read their own work critically by engaging as critical readers with the work of their peers.
4. Students will produce improved academic writing.

Classes will involve occasional lectures and discussions, but mostly critiques, exercises, and problem-solving or help-related discussion of issues faced and raised by students themselves. There will be reading for homework, and peer review/critique sessions as well.

Homework

This course will predominantly involve writing, and also reading. Students will be writing daily, including on weekends. See Assessment (below) for more details.

Textbook

There will be no textbook for the course, but readings will be assigned from resources available online.

Should you wish to explore media not encompassed in this course, please feel free to ask me for recommendations. I will be more than happy to help you find materials which are suited to your needs and worth exploring.

Assessment

As you can see below, course assessment is not heavily focused on examinations.

Class Participation – 20%

Daily Writing on the Class Blog – 20%

Homework – 15%

Midterm Essay – 15%

Final Essay – 25%

Department Events Attendance: 5%

However, a 0% in any of the above marks will result in an incomplete grade. Students must at least attempt all homework assignments in order to complete the course.

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