

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Communication and Arts Division)

Discipline Code

ENGL

Course Number

2513

Course Title

Craft of Fiction

Catalog Description

In this course, students will explore the form and theory of fiction through an investigation of the elements of fiction and explore these elements in their own writing.

Prerequisites

ENGL 2023 and ENGL 2033 with a grade C or better, or consent of instructor.

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact Hours

45 contact hours

Load Hours

3 load hours

Semester Offered

On Demand

ACTS Equivalent

Not applicable

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

Students will

- By the end of this course, students should be able to:
- Deconstruct a professionally published creative work using the elements of fiction
- Analyze their own creative work using the elements of fiction

- Understand and incorporate the vocabulary unique to the study of the craft of fiction in their academic writing
- Incorporate this vocabulary into the workshop environment for peer review as well as self-assessment of all creative work.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students gain greater awareness of cultural perspectives.
- Students can write clear, coherent, well-organized documents, which are substantially free of errors.
- Students can read selections at the college level.

Standard Practices

Topics List

- Narrative structure / plot
- Scene
- Voice
- Character
- Setting
- Point of View
- Subgenres of fiction
- Revision / Workshop environment

Learning Activities

- Group work
- Peer review
- Writing exercises
- Workshops
- Revision
- Presentations / readings of student work

Assessments

- Workshops
- Original works of fiction
- Final Portfolio

Grading guidelines

Instructors should assess proficiency with craft elements, sentence-level writing, and revision (writing process).

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