ENGL 7900-001: Creative Writing Colloquium  
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Catalogue Description  

**ENGL 7900 - Creative Writing Colloquium**

A course in the preparation for the MFA thesis and the MFA comprehensive exam. NOTE: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credit hours, but only three hours with any one professor may be applied toward the degree; recommended to be taken in the last semester of regular course work and first semester of thesis work.  
3.000 Credit Hours  
3.000 Lecture hours  

**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule Types:** Lecture  

Extended Course Description

The course provides MFA students an opportunity to prepare for the thesis and comprehensive exam. Professionalization, including topics such as job preparation, will be addressed. Students will participate in River City Writers Series events. Students are encouraged to suggest topics of special interest that will address their needs as they complete program requirements and prepare for careers.

**Requirements**

- Written assignments 60%
- Participation 40%

**Texts**

TBA

**Course Objectives**

- To establish a reading list between student and adviser for purposes of the MFA exam
- To prepare a manuscript for the MFA thesis
- To prepare for the job market by learning skills of interviewing and resume writing

**Learning Outcomes**

- Students will demonstrate knowledge of building an extensive reading list in the field of Fiction, Poetry, or Creative Nonfiction;
- Students will demonstrate written ability to respond to questions likely to appear on the MFA exam;
Students will compile and revise a manuscript fulfilling the requirements of the MFA thesis;
Students will show mastery of topics to present at the MFA thesis defense;
Students will produce resume and show ability to respond positively and substantively to questions likely to be posed during an interview for a position involving teaching, literary programming, or publishing.

**Student Disability Services**
Accommodations will be made for documented special needs.

**Accommodation/Disability Statement**

“Students who have a disability or condition that may impair their ability to complete assignments or otherwise satisfy course criteria are encouraged to meet with the Student Disabilities Services Center to identify, discuss, and document any feasible instructional modification or accommodations.”

Student Disability Services  678-2880
110 Wilder Tower
http://saweb.memphis.edu/sds/g-iff.htm

Student Health Center 678-2287
http://saweb.memphis.edu/health/

Counseling Center 678-2068
211 Wilder Tower
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