

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](#)

College of Arts and Sciences College
English Department

Extended Course Description

The course provides MFA students an opportunity to prepare for the thesis and comprehensive exam. Job preparation will be addressed. 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

Student reading lists will vary according to texts agreed upon by student and thesis adviser. In general, 15 major influences and 15 minor influences should be represented.

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

<http://www.memphis.edu/cpcc/>

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