

THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS  
 ENGL 4605: FORMS OF FICTION:  
 STUDIES IN GENRE



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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This forms class explores a new genre in fiction each week—science-fiction, fantasy, magical realism, horror, fairy-tale and literary retellings, historical fiction, romance, humor, metafiction, epistolary and fraudulent artifact stories, and more. Students will read stories and try out writing in each of these genres, as well as mash up genres to create new ones.

One genre exercise will be expanded into a full story draft to be workshopped and revised. Students will also write an analysis of and present on a genre of their own design, with close readings of example texts categorized within their invented genre.

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

Percy, Benjamin. *Thrill Me: Essays on Fiction*. Minneapolis: Graywolf, 2016.  
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