

**DEPARTMENT:** ENGLISH

**NAME OF COURSE:** CREATIVE WRITING

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COURSE**

This course is designed to enhance students' creative writing abilities while deepening their appreciation of literature. We will approach writing literature by reading it. Students will read stories and poems, and at least one day a week will be devoted purely to discussions. These discussions will focus on questions such as: What makes a short story work? What choices does an author have to make in crafting a work? How does audience affect the writer's craft? Following discussions, students will work on elements of their own stories in lab.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

Students will read one story a week (or several poems during our work on poetry). They will write a minimum of four stories (one of which will be a serious revision of a prior work). Because the class is a workshop, students will also read and comment on the work of others in the class, and share their own work.

### **GRADING PROCEDURE**

Grades will be based on the stories students write as well as class participation during discussion of stories by professional writers and discussion of one another's work.