

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The Writer's Workshop

COURSE NO: 01440

LENGTH: 20 wks

GRADE LEVEL: 9-12

CREDITS: .5

Prerequisites:

Students should enjoy creative writing of all types and relish the written word.

Course Description and Objectives:

The purpose of this course is to provide interested students with a forum to develop their writing talents. Teacher and students will work together to create a supportive environment for writing, collaborating, discussing and appreciating creative work. This half-year elective will supplement the required course of study in the Language Arts classroom. Students will experiment in a wide variety of writing modes, read their work aloud to peers, and offer one another encouragement and guidance. Emphasis will be placed on all aspects of the writing process. The class will collaborate on a final project such as a literary magazine to celebrate our growth as writers.

Instructional Processes and Materials:

Students will participate in a variety of classroom activities designed to promote creative writing. Students will be encouraged to develop their writing voices, build narrative structures, focus on descriptive detail, and experiment with form. We will write and exchange ideas daily using models and other inspirations.

Course Requirements and Evaluation Criteria:

Class attendance and participation are critical to student success. Students will compose writing journals and final projects. Evaluation will be based upon participation in class and completion of all activities. Writing will be reviewed as work in progress; therefore, grades will be assigned for creative and collaborative efforts.