

Creative Writing at DCS

The Course Description Handbook says that in this course you will have opportunity to express your own feelings, experiences, ideas, knowledge, research, and imagination.

Let's rephrase that:

in this course you will get better at these things, you will take risks with your writing, you will take risks with your audience. You will have to take criticism, you will have to make criticism, you will have to grow and to help others grow.

This is not just a course in writing: it is a course about making yourself. You are your own best composition.

Goals:

By the end of the course, you will have demonstrated your understanding of the elements that make and differentiate types of writing (short story, several poetic forms) by examining the work of others and by creating and improving your own work. You will have opportunity to work with other formats, such as video and graphic novel.

Your Responsibilities:

In class, we will be working together, helping each other to make critical decisions about what we create. So that we can all gain from this class, we need you to

come to class,

arrive in class on time,

hear carefully the judgments of others,

respect the opinions and judgments of others,

and express your own judgments with care and respect.

It goes without saying, of course, that we need you to submit your work in time, for the class to work with you.

How We Will Work:

In order to improve your writing, we will be doing exercises focusing on particular skills and aspects of writing, in conferring with each other, writing for publication on the Internet (probably), in a DCS magazine (if you like), and in class.

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Attendance

This is simple: we need you in class.



