Writing 401: Advanced Writing Workshop

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Course Description

In this workshop, students will develop their skills in writing and criticism through peer review and interchange with the instructor. Students will work in the genre of their choice.

Course Outcomes

Students will develop their ability to

1. discuss literature, including engaging in an exchange of ideas and offering and supporting insights;
2. sustain controlled, critical arguments that analyze and synthesize texts;
3. understand the craft of writing, including concision, diction, grammar, and syntax;
4. master a particular genre of creative or professional writing;
5. critique peers’ work to assist their fellow writers and improve their own revisions;
6. write convincingly about the art of creative writing—how it is made and why it endures;

Assignments

Over the course of the term, students will compose several drafts of a long piece of creative work. By the end of the term, students will have drafted and significantly revised at least 20 pages of work.