

**COURSE OUTLINE**  
**ENGL-215**  
**Advanced Creative Writing**  
**3 Credits**

**HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Description**

Advanced Creative Writing is designed for those students who have mastered fundamental elements of creative writing. Assignments include writing poetry and short fiction. Students are encouraged to draw on their backgrounds and experience to shape their writing. This course differs from ENGL-115 in terms of proficiency expected: students of advanced creative writing are expected to achieve a higher level of proficiency and/or be further along in their work. Prerequisite: ENGL-115. (3 hours weekly)

**Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Write grammatically correct and imaginatively constructed poems, short stories, and/or plays.
2. Provide constructive feedback on the writings of others.
3. Read one's own poetry and fiction.
4. Read with an appreciation for the sound and rhythm of words.
5. Use literary devices and/or characteristics employed in the writing of fiction and poetry such as images, metaphor, characterization, theme, and setting.
6. Revise one's own writing as part of the writing process. **A strong emphasis will be placed on the revision of one's work.**
7. Compare and contrast traditions, styles, forms, and conventions of writing.
8. Communicate effectively in a seminar setting.
9. Demonstrate how writing reflects the human spirit in aesthetic forms and humanistic ideas.

**Major Topics**

- I. Writing of poetry, short stories, and/or plays
- II. Reading of poetry, short stories, and/or plays
- III. Student readings
- IV. Constructive feedback
- V. Revision of one's work
- VI. Significant project (to be determined by the individual student and the instructor)

**Course Requirements**

Specific assignments and procedures for evaluating student performance in the class (i.e., grading) will be determined by the individual faculty member, but will include the following:

1. Writing and revision of one's work and the reading of one's work to the class.
2. Constructive feedback on the writings of others is an important component of the course.
3. Continuous writing is required. Some students may write more than others, but all students will be expected to write at least forty pages of creative writing.
4. At least 70% of the final grade will be based upon one's writing.

**Other Course Information**

This course is a Fine Arts, Humanities, English, and Arts and Sciences elective.