

# COURSE OUTLINE

ENGL-115

Creative Writing

3 Credits

## HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### Description

Creative Writing introduces students to the process of using their own experiences and backgrounds to express themselves in poetry and short fiction. In addition, students are introduced to the literary elements appropriate to these genres. Prerequisite: ENGL-121. (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 one's own poetry and fiction more effectively (silently and/or aloud) with an appreciation for the sound and rhythm of words.
5. Use literary devices and/or characteristics employed in the writing of poetry and fiction 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 an understanding of other students' writing and exchange ideas about the writing.
9. Demonstrate an understanding of how writing reflects the human spirit in aesthetic forms and humanistic ideas.

### Major Topics

- I. Reading of established poets and fiction writers.
- II. Poetry and fiction exercises.
- III. Reading of one's own poetry and fiction.
- IV. Constructive feedback.
- V. Revision of one's work.

### 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:

- Writing and revision of one's work and the reading of one's work to the class.
- Constructive feedback on the writings of others is an important component of the course.
- Continuous writing is required, including creative writing exercises.
- 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.