



English (ENGL) 482

Advanced Fiction Writing (Revision 3)

Status:

Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#) for the current revision ❌

Delivery mode:

Individualized study online . Delivered via Brightspace.

Credits:

3

Areas of study:

Arts or Humanities

Prerequisites:

English 381 and permission of the professor.

Precluded:

None

Challenge: ENGL 482 is not available for challenge.

Faculty: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences [↗](#)

Overview

English 482: Advanced Fiction Writing is the next step for students who have taken English 381 or a similar introductory course in writing fiction. The course provides an option to work on separate short stories or linked stories, or develop a longer narrative, whether a novel, novella, or novel-in-stories. Students read sample fiction with close attention to technique and style.

Outline

English 482: Advanced Fiction Writing consists of six units:

- Unit 1: The Writing Process: Why Write?
- Unit 2: Reading as a Writer
- Unit 3: Creating Character
- Unit 4: Creating a Structure
- Unit 5: Style

- Unit 6: Revision

Evaluation

To **receive credit**  for ENGL 482, you must achieve a minimum grade of 50 percent on each assignment and a course composite grade of at least **D (50 percent)** . The weighting of the course assignments is as follows:

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: First Chapter or Story	15%
Assignment 2, Part I: Why Write? Blog	5%
Assignment 2, Part II: Reading as a Writer Blog	5%
Assignment 3: Chapter or Story	25%
Assignment 4: Chapter or Story	30%
Assignment 5: Revision of Assignment 1, 3, or 4	20%
Total	100%

Materials

Digital course materials

Links to the following course materials will be made available in the course:

Burroway, Janet, Elizabeth Stuckey-French, and Ned Stuckey-French. *Writing Fiction: A Guide to Narrative Craft*, 9th edition. Boston: Pearson, 2015.

King, Stephen. *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*. New York: Scribner, 2020.

Other Materials

All other course materials are available online.

Important links

- › Academic advising [↗](#)
- › Program planning [↗](#)
- › Request assistance [↗](#)
- › Support services at AU [↗](#)

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