

English 415-203: Fiction Workshop

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Meeting Times: Online Asynchronous (i.e., there will be no set meeting time)

3 Credits

Prerequisites: Junior or above and GER English reg'mt (C or above in English 102 or equivalent transfer course, or EPT score of 525 or above); or Graduate standing; or University Special Student

Description:

In this asynchronous online course you will learn to craft stories that can transport your readers and live on in their minds for months or years to come. In the first part of the semester we'll focus on a variety of writing activities to hone your powers of concentration, perception, imagination, and expression. By writing and reading almost every day, you'll develop a practice of writing and learn key craft skills such as plotting, characterization, imagery, and dialogue. In the second part of the semester you'll get feedback on your work and make revisions to learn the full process of transforming a story from its initial inception to polished final product.