

Course Objectives/Course Outline
Spokane Community College

Course Title: Creative Writing
Prefix and Course Number: ENGL& 237

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, a student should be able to:

- Although a given section of this course will reflect the individual instructor’s preferred approach, a statement of course objectives on an ENGL 237 syllabus might contain something like the following:

- This course is an introduction to creative writing, with an emphasis on both reading and writing. We’ll do a close study of works of contemporary poetry and fiction to determine how a given work is put together and how writers achieve desired effects. We’ll write a series of poetry exercises and a series of fiction ones, and we’ll devote several classes to sharing each other’s work in progress, both informally and in workshops. As 237 is an Advanced Creative Writing class but is combined with the Beginning Creative Writing, students have the option to take the course as it is written or to create their own individual project with instructor permission.

Course Outline:

- I. Introduction and Inspiration
 - A. Creation of Writer’s Notebook
 - B. Words of Advice; Writers on Writing
- II. Poetry
 - A. Finding Subjects
 - B. The Importance of Imagery
 - C. The Music of the Line
 - D. The Use of Form
 - E. Surrealism and Duende
 - F. The Writer’s Workshop
- III. Fiction
 - A. Creating Characters
 - B. Creating Settings
 - C. The Origins of Plot
 - D. Point of View
 - E. Dialogue
 - F. The Writer’s Workshop