Spring 2018 Course Descriptions

Instructor: Dr. James Francis
Course: 235.502
Title: Elements of Creative Writing

Description: This course introduces students to foundational elements of reading and writing creative prose and poetry (writing technique, workshop, criticism, revision, etc.). Basic concepts of poetry and short fiction (word choice, brevity, character development, tone, dialogue, genre, etc.) will be emphasized to establish solid foundations for producing original work.

Students will read representational work in prose and poetry, participate in individual and group writing exercises, workshop original material, and discuss work in an analytical manner. The writing process (from inception to final revision) will be investigated and experienced firsthand in order to develop and strengthen critical creative writing skills.

Upon completion of the course, student portfolios will demonstrate one final aspect of writing poetry and short fiction: a polished collection for possible literary publishing.