

### Course Description

Participants will be introduced to methods and means for creating their own personal writing discipline and creative practice. This course is crafted for students who are serious about

and discussion. Weekly word-count based writing assignments are provided in a creative and encouraging environment. This course is designed to help students learn to write through a scheduled, sustained, and supported

environment upon you attending class, participating in our feedback and creating and cementing your own writing discipline and practice.

Successful students will be able to:

• demonstrate a strong writing discipline and creative practice.

• produce a 10,000 word rough draft of a work in progress.

### Course Materials

Course reading materials will be (for the most part) provided via online resources/links, and will be drawn from the works of predominantly Canadian creators, including authors such as Margaret Atwood, Michael Ondaatje, and others.

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Students are fully responsible for looking at and being familiar with the information posted on the department website at <http://www.uwo.ca/english/undergraduate/Student%20Information.html>.

### Attendance

**Attendance in class is mandatory. Attendance and being on time will be a part of your grade.** Students will be asked to complete weekly writing assignments (approximately 1,000 words or page equivalent for poetry or songwriting) with the goal of developing a manuscript in mind.

### Accommodation Policies

Students with disabilities work with Accessible Education (formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#).

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth (either alone or in combination) 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department.

Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Office of the Dean of the student's Faculty of registration, together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. The Student Medical Certificate (SMC) can be found at [https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf).

The full policy is set out here:

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/accommodation\\_medical.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf).

### **Religious Accommodation:**

Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the [Western Multicultural Calendar](#).

### Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf)

### **Plagiarism:**

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

### **Plagiarism Checking:**

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com <http://www.turnitin.com>.

All instances of plagiarism will be reported to the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. Proven cases of plagiarism will result in a grade of zero for the assignment. Subsequent offences will result in failure for the course.

### Support Services

Registrarial Services <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

Student Support Services <https://student.uwo.ca/psp/heprdweb/?cmd=login>

Services provided by the USC <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Student Development Centre <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to MentalHealth@Western:  
<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

### Timetable

Please see your course syllabus in OWL for exact class dates, and deadlines.

**DEADLINES – all questions/observations for each class reading are due in by 8am of the day of each class. Please schedule time to do the readings and answer the questions accordingly. Weekly 1000-word additions to your manuscript portfolio must be uploaded to the Assignment tool by noon (12pm) on the day of the class.**

January 10th class introduction, in-class writing prompt, short lecture/discussion “Why Write This Anyway?”, reading #1 assigned with 3 discussion questions included. Writing assignment: 1000

