ENGLISH 104: INTRODUCTION TO FICTION Fall 2016

Albany IA 223 ~ MWF 10:00-10:50 (Final W 12•7 8:00-9:50)

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Materials:

• Novels as chosen (electronic or paperback)

Course Description:

[3 credits] Examines fiction through selected literary works, such as the short story and the novel, and increases understanding of the conventions of fiction. Encourages exploration of the human experience through the reading of significant short stories and novels, with an emphasis on analysis, interpretation, and the fiction-writer's craft.

Course Outcomes:

By successfully completing ENG 104, students should be able to:

* Recognize how literature helps in understanding the human condition.
* Interpret literary works, short fiction, and the novel, through critical evaluation.
* Demonstrate how literature enhances personal awareness and creativity.
* Write and speak confidently about their own and others' ideas.

**EXPECTATIONS**

**Be clever and kind.**

**Take risks.**

**Approach others with generosity.**

**Pay attention.**

Attendance: **Your attendance is mandatory - we need you here every day.** But I understand that we all have lives. If you must miss a class: send me an e-mail or text before the class you can’t attend, and then make sure that you communicate with someone else in the class so that he or she can help you understand what we covered. You start the term with 1 point per class, but you lose 2 points for every class you miss without communicating with me about your absence before the class you miss.

Disruptions: I will not use my cell phone during class, and I expect that you won’t either. This goes for texting as well. Be sure that you have your phone silenced **and put away** by the time class begins. Frequent disruptions will result in points deducted from your overall score.

24/7: Email and texts are the best ways to get in touch with me. I will respond within 24 hours, which might not be soon enough if you aren’t thinking ahead.

Communication: You should get into the habit of responding to your instructors’ emails. Be sure that you’re regularly checking your LBCC email. Questions? linnbenton.edu/lbcc-email

Accommodations Due to Documented Disabilities: If you are a student with a documented disability, you may be eligible for accommodations through the Center for Accessibility Resources (MKH 105). For more information, please call (541) 917-4789.

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Office Hours: Sometimes I hold my office hours “in the wild.” I’ll let you know in advance. Come talk to me - I’m happy to help you work on any aspect of the class, and please talk with me about your other classes if you need help. We can find another time if my office hours don’t work with your schedule.

Homework: Expect to spend 2 hours outside of class for every hour that we spend in class. Be prepared for class - make yourself look good and contribute to the time we spend together.

**HOW TO SUCCEED IN ENG 104**

Come to class every day.

Check your LBCC email.

You can forward it to your preferred email account.

Communicate with me.

You can ask me for help with anything.

Do your homework.

Prepare for when you’re on.

Make yourself look good.

Use your resources.

Get in touch with me if you can’t find what you need!

**GRADING**

I do not post grades online.

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| critique handout | 25 |  |
| critique discussion | 25 |  |
| critique essay | 25 |  |
| book group #1 participation | 25 |  |
| book group #1 response | 25 |  |
| book group #2 participation | 50 |  |
| book group #2 response | 50 |  |
| read-aloud participation | 50 |  |
| capstone project - critique bradbury short story | 50 |  |
| capstone project - prose response | 50 |  |
| attendance | 25 |  |
| genres | 25 |  |
| TOTAL | 375 |  |