

COLUMBUS STATE

ENGLISH

Semester and Year:

Course and Number: ENGL 2261 – Introduction to Fiction

CREDITS: 3

CLASS HOURS PER WEEK: 3

Prerequisite: ENGL 1100 with a B or higher; OR ENGL 2367, 2567, 2667 with a C or higher

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

The course is an intensive study of selected short stories and a novel. Using critical reading, discussion, and writing, students will become familiar with important themes and methodologies of fiction. Throughout the course, we will analyze and discuss how authors use traditional elements of fiction (structure, setting, point of view, etc.) to express their ideas and to develop their plots and characters.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

1. Practice techniques used to analyze a text

- Synthesize, integrate, and connect information by writing essays using techniques of criticism and evaluation.
- Evaluate and incorporate appropriate sources of literary criticism into a research paper.

2. Communicate effectively

Use the appropriate methodology and rhetorical devices to write papers that support a controlling idea and are logically and soundly developed.

- Work collaboratively by reading student papers and discussing suggestions for improvement (peer revision and editing) and participating in discussion groups.

3. Demonstrate rhetorical knowledge

- Write about literature using standard literary terminology and other literary conventions.
- Write clearly and effectively in Standard English appropriate to the audience and purpose by completing a series of writing assignments.

4. Adapt composing processes to electronic environments

- Demonstrate responsible and effective use of electronic source material.
- Use technological resources searching for and obtaining source materials for a research paper.

INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING GOALS

Columbus State Community College's Institutional Learning Goals are an integral part of the curriculum and central to the mission of the college. For this course students are expected to demonstrate the skills associated with the Institutional Learning Goals identified below:

- ILG #1: Critical Thinking
- ILG #6: Communication Competence
- ILG #7: Cultural and Social Awareness

Students are assessed on achievement of these outcomes. Names will not be used when reporting results. Outcomes-based assessment is used to improve instructional planning and design and the quality of student learning throughout the college.

COURSE MATERIALS REQUIRED

Access to a computer for the following: word-processing, internet and library researching, emailing, using Blackboard, saving work electronically, etc.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS

Gioia and Gwynn, eds. *The Art of the Short Story*. Pearson: 2006
 A novel to be decided at a later date.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

Lecture, assigned readings, in-class discussion, in-class writing and reading exercises, peer revision and editing activities, writing workshops, individual and/or group conferences.

ASSIGNMENTS

- Two short analysis papers, 3 pages each, 15% each, 30% total.
- One in-class presentation and discussion, 15%.
- Short story choice project, 15%
- Background paper, 4 pages, 20%
- Final exam, 6 pages, 20%.

GRADING SCALE

90-100=A 80-89=B 70-79=C 65-69=D Below 65=E

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Because this course requires class participation, interpersonal interaction, and peer review, students should attend all classes for the full class time. **Faculty are under no obligation to provide make-up assignments for students who have missed class.** Understandably, sometimes students miss class because of life's circumstances. Because faculty do not want to have to judge the validity of an excuse, there is no need to return to class with a doctor's excuse. If you are absent, your final grade may be affected since you may miss class directions and instructions, and **you cannot make up in-class work for which you are not present.**

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

As an enrolled student at Columbus State Community College, you have agreed to abide by the Student Code of Conduct as outlined in the Student Handbook. You should familiarize yourself with the student code. The Columbus State Community College expects you to exhibit high standards of academic integrity, respect and responsibility. Any confirmed incidence of misconduct, including plagiarism and other forms of cheating, will be treated seriously and in accordance with College Policy and Procedure 7-10.

AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT STATEMENT

It is Columbus State Policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities as stated in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you would like to request such accommodations for access, please contact Disability Services: 101 Eibling Hall, (614-287-2570). Email or give your instructor a copy of your accommodations letter from Disability Services as soon as possible as soon as possible. Accommodations do not start until your instructor receives the letter, and accommodations are not retroactive. Delaware Campus students may contact an advisor in the Student Services Center on the first floor of Moeller Hall. (740)-203-8000.

AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDING

Audio-and-visual recording transmission or distribution of class content (e.g. lectures, discussion, demonstrations, etc.) are strictly prohibited unless the course instructor has provided written permission via the syllabus or a signed form. Authorization to record extends solely to students in that particular course. Transmitting, sharing, or distributing course content onto public, commercial, or social media sites is strictly prohibited.

TITLE IX

Columbus State Community College is committed to creating a learning and working environment that is free of bias, discrimination, and harassment by providing open communication and mutual respect. If you have encountered sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, sexual assault, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, national origins, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, genetic information (GINA), military status or disability, please contact one of the following people:

Renee Frambo, Director of Equity & Compliance (rframbo@csc.edu)
Human Resources. Rhodes Hall 115. Phone: 614-287-5519

Danette Vance, Title IX Deputy Coordinator (dvance1@csc.edu)
Human Resources. Rhodes Hall 115. Phone: 614-287-2433

Joan Cook, Title IX Deputy Coordinator (jcook60@csc.edu)
Human Resources. Rhodes Hall 115. Phone: 614-287-2636

Darla Van Horn, Title IX Deputy Coordinator (dvanhorn@csc.edu)
Student Life, Eibling Hall 203(D). Phone: 614-287-2856

For additional information about your options at Columbus State Community College or to file a complaint online, please visit our webpage at <http://csc.edu/services/title-ix/>

TOBACCO FREE COLUMBUS STATE 2015

As a result of a proposal by the Ohio Board of Regents in 2012, Columbus State became a tobacco-free institution, as have colleges and universities across the nation, including The Ohio State University, which made the change in 2014. In an effort to support the health and well-being of all students, faculty, and staff, the College has adopted a tobacco free policy which prohibits the use of all tobacco-related products on College property. The primary emphasis of this approach is to focus on the elimination of tobacco use on all College property with cessation left as a choice for the individual. The effective date for the tobacco free policy was July 1, 2015.

INCLEMENT WEATHER OR OTHER EMERGENCIES

Columbus State rarely closes for severe weather; however, if the college does close, major stations will carry such information. Assignments due on the day that the college is closed will be due the next scheduled class period. Students who live in areas which fall under a Level 3 Emergency (all roadways closed to non-emergency personnel) should not attempt to drive to the college even if classes are in session. Students who miss class because of a Level 3 Emergency in their area are still responsible for assignments as indicated on the syllabus. It is your responsibility to contact your instructor to determine how to make up the missed assignment.

FINANCIAL AID ATTENDANCE REPORTING

Columbus State is required by federal law to verify the enrollment of students who participate in Federal Title IV student aid programs and/or who receive educational benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is the responsibility of the College to identify students who do not commence attendance or who stop attendance in any course for which they are registered and paid. Non-attendance is reported every semester by each instructor, and results in a student being administratively withdrawn from the class section. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for information regarding the impact of course withdrawals on financial aid eligibility.

For the purposes of financial aid reporting, a student meets the participation and attendance criteria if s/he has actively engaged in the class and demonstrated a meaningful attempt toward completion of the course. Examples of active engagement may include, but are not limited to: completing a graded course assignment (e.g., homework, quiz, essay, project, or lab); actively participating in studio or practicum sessions; making content-related contributions to an online discussion forum (including responses both to prompts and to student/instructor posts).

PLAGIARISM (ENGLISH DEPARTMENT POLICY)

Plagiarism, such as borrowing passages or whole documents from the Internet or other sources, and presenting another author's actual words, ideas, organization, or conclusions as one's own, will not be tolerated. Students who borrow another writer's material must document their sources accordingly. Students who present as their own the material written by others will be reported to the Dean of Student Life and penalized. A confidential record of the incident will be kept on file pursuant to the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Because the penalty is severe, ranging from zero for the assignment to failing for the course to academic dismissal, all students should avoid the slightest hint that they have used borrowed material without giving credit.

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY

To be determined by instructor.

WITHDRAWAL FROM COURSE

If you decide to drop this course, you must do so officially. Failure to withdraw *officially* from a course will result in a failing grade recorded on your transcript. Schedule Adjustment Forms are available from the Counseling/ Advising Center or the Registration Office.

COURSEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Columbus State's policy states that students at schools receiving funds from the State of Ohio should be expected to do 30 hours of work for each credit earned. That means students should expect to spend about two hours on work outside of class for each hour spent in class (Policy Number 5-05). Students need to be aware of their out-of-class responsibilities, and they need to be aware that inability to fulfill the requirements for a course may mean failure.

TUTORING SERVICES

Columbus State offers multiple free tutoring services that may be beneficial to you. The **Columbus Campus Writing Center** is located in 102 Columbus Hall. Services are also available at Delaware and at some regional learning centers. You can find hours and other information about Writing Center services by visiting the English Department website (<http://www.csc.edu/academics/departments/english/>) and following the links for the Writing Centers.

Columbus State also partners with the online tutoring service NetTutor. To access free 24-hour live tutoring, click the green "n" NetTutor logo that appears on the front page of your Blackboard course. This link will take you to a NetTutor page that lists available tutoring services. For help with a writing project in any course, choose either the **CSCC English and Writing Online Tutor** or **NetTutor Paper Center** to reach an available tutor or upload a paper for review within 48 hours.

COMMUNICATION CENTER

The Communication Center is a campus-wide hub for presentation and performance development. Located in 052 Union Hall, the Communication Center offers students **free tutoring** to help them write and deliver a presentation for any class

in any department. The tutors are instructors who teach courses here at Columbus State. To make an appointment, go to <http://tutorfile.com/speechlab> where you will find the complete instructions for making an appointment. You will be asked to register and confirm your registration in your Columbus State student e-mail account before making the appointment. Our autumn semester hours and opening date are posted on the web site. Please bring your assignment directions with you as well as any work you have completed so far. We welcome individual presenters and small group presenters as well. Our expert tutors will help you present your ideas with confidence and success.

GENERAL CLASSROOM CONDUCT

Course materials, content, and discussions may involve controversial issues. Please treat these subjects with the sensitivity they deserve. Please turn off or silence communication devices. Bringing visitors, taking photographs, or using recording devices is not permitted in the classroom without advance permission from the instructor. Please do not bring children or leave them unsupervised in the building. Occasionally, the instructor may need to invite other faculty or participants to class. According to college rules, there should be no eating, drinking, tobacco, or e-cigarette/personal vaporizer use in the classroom.