This course is the upper-division writing course for English majors and is designed to develop your ability to write clear, emphatic and precisely worded essays analyzing poetry, short stories and drama.

Text:


Grading:

Grades will be calculated as follows:

- Diagnostic: 10%
- Poetry Explication: 10%
- Poetry Essay: 10%
- Drama Review: 20%
- Poetry Research Paper: 20%
- In-Class Essay on Short Story: 10%
- Final Exam: 20%

Late work can only be accepted in the case of genuine and compelling emergencies beyond your control. If you let me know as soon as possible about such an emergency, I will accept your work up to one week late.

Please see me if you need Disability Accommodations or have an unalterable university commitment that conflicts with a due date.

All work must be your own. I do not mind if you study together with another student(s), as long as you all contribute actively to the process.

Short stories are all available on-line.

For each essay, you must submit corrections for all mechanical errors marked in the margins of your paper. These are due on the next class day after your graded work has been returned to you. If you complete these on time and accurately, your grade for that assignment will be raised one degree: i.e. from B to B+, from B+ to A-, etc.

Student Learning Objectives for academic writing will be assessed in every assignment: grammatical and mechanical correctness, knowledge of technical terms, stylistic skill, argumentation, integration of textual quotes, effective use of research and overall beauty and appropriateness of expression.
**Schedule of Classes:**
Please make arrangements to see the SJSU Theater Department’s production of John Cheever’s *The Swimmer*: March 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21. You will be writing a review of this production.

**Jan**
24 **Diagnostic Essay**, R. L. Stevenson, *Requiem*
29 The Ballad: *Sir Patrick Spens*
31 The Ballad: Keats, *La Belle Dame Sans Merci*

**Feb**
5 Blake, *The Lamb, The Tyger*
7 Blake, *London, The Sick Rose*
19 Death and Nature: Dickinson, *Because I could not stop, This is my Letter*
21 Seduction/Carpe Diem: Marvell, *To His Coy Mistress*
26 Love: Pound, *The River Merchant’s Wife*,
28 Shakespeare, *Sonnets 73 and 116*

**Mar**
5 Love Lost: Wyatt, *They Flee from Me*
7 Library Visit
12 John Cheever, *The Swimmer*
14 Discussion of Drama and how to write a Drama Review
19 Imagism: Williams, *The Red Wheelbarrow*, Millay, *First Fig*
21 The Uncanny: Poe, *The Raven* **Poetry Essays DUE**

**Mar 26-30** Spring Break

**Apr**
2 Instructor Holiday
4 Sherwood Anderson, *A Death in the Woods*
9 Discussion of SJSU’s Production of *The Swimmer* **Drama Reviews DUE**
11 Katherine Mansfield, *The Garden Party*
16 Bierce, *An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge*, Maupassant, *The Necklace*
18 Jean-Paul Sartre, *The Wall*
23 James Joyce, *The Dead*
25 **In-Class Essay on Short Stories**
30 Nonsense: Carroll, *Jabberwocky*

**May**
2 Exam preparation

**Final Exam: Saturday, May 4, 1200-1415**
7 Student Presentations of Final Research Papers
9 Student Presentations of Final Research Papers **FINAL PAPERS DUE**