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CRWR 510.01: Fiction Workshop

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CRWR 510, Sec. 1—Fiction Workshop

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Course Description:

This is a fiction-writing workshop for MFA students in which we will focus primarily on student work. From time to time, we will discuss pertinent essays about the craft and engage in close readings of fiction from the larger world.

Learning Outcomes:

1. That you leave the class with a new sense of your ability to re-fashion your writing in such a way that it achieves its highest potential.
2. That you produce the proof of that in your own work.

Required Textbooks:

None. I will direct you to published work that we will use as a basis for critical discussions and close readings.

Required Assignment and Tests:

- Three stories or novel excerpts, and substantive rewrites of two of them, all to be discussed in the workshop.
- Participation in a weekly workshop in which writing by students in the class will be discussed and critiqued, with an emphasis on revisions that might improve it.
- A 1-2-page typewritten critique of each story and revision under discussion. Bring two hard copies to class on the day of the discussion. One goes to the writer; one goes to me.

Course Guidelines and Policies:

Because you are graduate students in a highly selective program with a strong studio component, I assume that you are invested, motivated, talented, learn-by-doing adults. You will get a high grade if you do the assignments, come to class, and demonstrate, through your critiques and revisions, a grasp of how to employ certain techniques of rewriting and re-seeing. If, at any time, you want my assessment of what your grade is precisely ---and why --please talk to me.

Grade By Letter	Grade By Points
A	90-100 points
B	80-90 points
C	70-80 points
D	60-70 points
F	<60 points

Student Conduct Code

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Attendance

Do not come to class late. Missing more than two classes without consulting with me will lower your final grade by two letters.

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