

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

May 2007

November 2010 (MONTH YEAR)

COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: (Four years after UPAC final approval date)

# OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE INFORMATION

Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.  Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department and the material will vary	
- see course syllabus available from instructor	
FACULTY/DEPARTMENT: ENGL 315	4
COURSE NAME/NUMBER FORME	ER COURSE NUMBER UCFV CREDITS
Writing Children's Literature  COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE	
CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:  A writing/seminar course detailing the elements specific to the genre of Children's Literature. Samples of popular Children's Literature will be used as models. As a writing-intensive course, students will learn techniques to produce successful children's literature in several genres. Writing produced in the class will be critiqued in a workshop setting. Special emphasis will be placed on learning the skill of constructive critical analysis of new writing.	
PREREQUISITES: Any two 200-level English courses. One of ENGL 211, 212, 213, or 215 recommended.  COREQUISITES:	
SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S) (a) Replaces:	SERVICE COURSE TO:
(Course #)	(Department/Program)
(b) Cannot take: for t	further credit. (Department/Program)
TOTAL HOURS PER TERM:  STRUCTURE OF HOURS:  Lectures: Seminar: Laboratory: Field Experience: Student Directed Learning: Other (Specify): workshop  TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION LENGTH OF COURSE: HOURS PER DAY: HOURS PER DAY:  HOURS PER DAY:  HOURS PER DAY:  HOURS PER DAY:  HOURS PER DAY:	
MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:  EXPECTED FREQUENCY OF COURSE OFFERINGS:  WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)  WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)  TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:   25  Once every two years  Yes  No  Yes  No	
AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:	
Course Designer(s):  John Carroll	Chairperson:(Curriculum Committee)
Department Head:	Dean:
Jim Andersen	Eric Davis
UPAC Approval in Principle Date:	UPAC Final Approval Date: Apr. 27, 2007

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES / GOALS / OUTCOMES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- 1. To further develop students' writing skills,
- 2. To foster an understanding of the creative process applied to Children's Literature,
- 3. To apply genre-specific writing techniques to individual writing projects.
- 4. To develop peer critiquing skills,
- 5. To develop critical reading and analytical skills,
- 6. To develop a personal artist's statement,
- 7. To become familiar with various critical approaches to children's literature.

### **METHODS**:

Lecture/seminar/workshop/exercises/writing assignments.

### PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR (Please check:) X Yes No

### **METHODS OF OBTAINING PLAR:**

Portfolio assessment

### **TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:**

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

Sample texts might include a coursepack of writing models in various genres, such as selections from Maurice Sendak, Francis Hodgson Burnett, Lucy Maud Montgomery, Robert Munsch, CS Lewis, Enid Blyton, William Steig, Kit Pearson, Wilson Rawls, J.D. Salinger.

## **SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:**

## **STUDENT EVALUATION:**

[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]

Portfolio of writing samples covering several genres (35-50 pages approx.)

Writing exercises & assignments

Workshop discussion

60%

20%

## **COURSE CONTENT:**

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

A course syllabus might be structured as follows:

- Week 1: The Tradition: Seeing From a Child's Perspective
- Week 2: Fundamentals. The Arc of the Narrative. Theme. Obstacle. Crisis.
- Week 3: Genre: The Picture Book. Image Before Word.
- Week 4: The Artist Statement. Writing for a Specific Audience.
- Week 5: Genre: The Chapter Book. Narrative Voice. Person and Point of View.
- Week 6: The Draft. The Art of Constructive Critiquing.
- Week 7: Genre: Young Adult Literature. The Hero. Adult vs. Adolescent
- Week 8: Analysis of Models. Holden and Harry. Alice and Anne.
- Week 9: Genre: Fairy Tales and Folk Tales. The Package. Entertainment or Issue?
- Week 10: Workshopping. More Art of Constructive Critiquing.
- Week 11: Genre: Fantasy Fiction.
- Week 12: Critical Perspectives. Social Engineering vs. Captain Underpants.
- Week 13: Inquiries. Agents. Publishers. Journals.