

**Hagerstown Community College**  
**Official Course Syllabus Document**  
(replace this parenthetical with semester and year)

**COURSE:**

ENG 209 – Creative Writing I (3 credit)

(replace this parenthetical with section number & Days/Times class meets)

**INSTRUCTOR:**

(replace this parenthetical with name, office hours, and all contact information)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course offers practice in the planning and writing of original material. Attention is focused upon problems that writers most frequently encounter. Appropriate selections from literature are read and discussed.

**TEXTBOOK:**

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**PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- Write analytically using appropriate literary terms, textual and critical support, and standard documentation style.
  - Demonstrate use of proper terminology to engage in effective communication with other writers.
- Demonstrate mastery of writing mechanics including grammar, punctuation, spelling and syntax.
  - Recognize Standard Written English and use audience expectations to writer's advantage.

**COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

The student will:

- Employ writer's craft tools to write fiction and poetry with effective characterization, plot, thematic conflict, structure, setting, and style.
- Differentiate among readers' expectations of the short-short story, short story, novel, metered poetry, and prose poetry.
- Utilize a personalized writer's plan that focuses on avoiding writer's block by sustaining enthusiasm and engagement as a piece makes its journey from scattered ideas to marketable lyric or fiction.

**MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE**

To earn one hour of academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute "academic" hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. A three credit hour course requires 112.5 clock hours.

For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

|   | DIRECT Faculty Instruction<br>In-class<br><b>37.5 h required</b> | Student Work Out of<br>Classroom<br><b>75 h required</b> |
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| In-class instruction, activities, discussion                                | 37.5 hours   |  |
| Assigned readings, short reflection assignments, peer critiques, exercises  |  | 30 hours   |
| Stories and poems that take advantage of the stages of the writing process. |  | 45 hours for prewriting, writing, and revision           |
| <b>Total Hours</b>  | <b>37.5 h</b>  | <b>75 h</b>  |

### **ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES:**

(replace this parenthetical with explanation of quizzes, exams, projects, etc.; the grading scale and how a student can calculate a grade need to be included here as well)

### **COURSE POLICIES:**

(please delete this parenthetical: Course policies should contain statements about the following topics, as well as any individual policies of an instructor. Please consider a plagiarism statement; the student handbook defines plagiarism this way: Plagiarism is the use of ideas or work of another without sufficient acknowledgment that the material is not one's own. Examples of plagiarism include submitting material created by another as one's own work or including passages of another author without giving due credit, and submitting purchased material, in any form of communication, as one's own work.)

- Attendance Policy – the college attendance policy can be found in the College catalog.
- The instructor reserves the right to modify course content.
- HCC abides by an honor code that can be found in the student handbook and college catalog: "I promise to uphold the Hagerstown Community College Honor System and to understand all written provisions pertaining to its application. As a member of the college community, I hold the qualities of honesty and integrity in highest regard and will not violate them nor tolerate those who do."

### **Inclement Weather Policy:**

(replace parenthetical with directions as to what students should do if the weather is bad and class must be cancelled. Please consider having students also refer to the student handbook.)

### **Services for Students with Disabilities:**

Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at [dss@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:dss@hagerstowncc.edu) or at 240-500-2530.