WRIT 356 : Writing Humor

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: WRIT 251 Introduction to Creative Writing
OR
WRIT 359 Boot Camp: Creative Writing for Non-Majors

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal EL - General Education/Liberal Studies Elect.

This course is a serious inquiry into what's funny, how to write that way and how to say something important in the process. Each writer will focus on developing an idea of serious purpose and conveying that purpose through the use of humor. All genres are welcome. This course may be repeated for credit.

B. Course Effective Dates: 06/03/2005 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Describe and appreciate works in the arts and humanities as expressions of individual and collective values within an intellectual, cultural, historical and social context.
2. Employ syntax and usage appropriate to academic disciplines and the professional world.
3. Interpret and respond critically to works from various cultures in the arts and humanities.
4. Knowledge of mastering techniques for writing and revising humorous texts.
5. Locate, evaluate, and synthesize in a responsible manner material from diverse sources and points of view.
6. Participate effectively in groups with emphasis on listening, critical and reflective thinking, and responding.
7. Select appropriate communication choices for specific audiences.
8. Synthesize and apply subgenres within humor writing with clarity and distinction.
9. Understand/demonstrate the writing and speaking processes through invention, organization, drafting, revision, editing and presentation.
10. Use authority, point-of-view, and individual voice and style in writing and speaking.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies
None

Goal EL - General Education/Liberal Studies Elect.
None

G. Special Information

None