

**NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS**

**COURSE IDENTIFICATION**

Course Code/Number: ENGL 260

Course Title: Short Fiction

Division:  Applied Science (AS)  Liberal Arts (LA)  Workforce Development (WD)  
 Health Care (HC)  Lifetime Learning (LL)  Nursing  Developmental

Credit Hour(s): 3

Effective Date: Spring 2014

Assessment Goal Per Outcome: 70%

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course consists of a study of short fiction from around the world. Selections will be read, discussed, and analyzed, with consideration of formal literary elements, including plot, characterization, theme, setting, point of view, tone, and symbolism.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS/PREREQUISITES AND/OR COREQUISITES**

None

**TEXTS**

The official list of textbooks and materials for this course is found on *myNeosho*.

<http://www.neosho.edu/Portals/0/syllabi/ENGL260-ShrtFict.pdf>

**GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES**

1. Practice Responsible Citizenship through:
  - identifying rights and responsibilities of citizenship,

- identifying how human values and perceptions affect and are affected by social diversity,
  - identifying and interpreting artistic expression.
2. Live a healthy lifestyle (physical, intellectual, social) through:
    - listing factors associated with a healthy lifestyle and lifetime fitness,
    - identifying the importance of lifetime learning,
    - demonstrating self-discipline, respect for others, and the ability to work collaboratively as a team.
  3. Communicate effectively through:
    - developing effective written communication skills,
    - developing effective oral communication and listening skills.
  4. Think analytically through:
    - utilizing quantitative information in problem solving,
    - utilizing the principles of systematic inquiry,
    - utilizing various information resources including technology for research and data collection.

### **COURSE OUTCOMES/COMPETENCIES** (as Required)

At the end of this course, a student should be able to do the following:

1. Define basic literary terms used in the analysis of short fiction, including, but not limited to, plot, characterization, theme, setting, point of view, tone, and symbolism.
2. Analyze the influence of social and historical issues on short fiction and its authors.
  - a. Demonstrate an understanding of the social and historical issues that influenced various short fiction authors.
  - b. Correlate and analyze key political, social, and religious developments with motifs in the various works.
3. Examine the interactions of reader and writer in the creation of meaning in a literary work.
  - a. Demonstrate the ability to write a critical analysis of a work of short fiction.
  - a. Demonstrate the ability to identify and analyze symbolic elements that contribute to the overall meanings of literary works.
  - b. Demonstrate the ability to articulate the relation between one's own values and those exhibited in various works of short fiction.
4. Apply modes of critical inquiry specific to the discipline.
  - a. Demonstrate the ability to locate valid secondary sources for the use of literary analysis.
  - b. Demonstrate the ability to incorporate effectively the thoughts and ideas of others into one's own writing.
  - c. Demonstrate the ability to provide proper documentation of primary and secondary sources.

## **MINIMUM COURSE CONTENT**

The following topics must be included. However, the course is not limited to these topics. The order of topics is up to the discretion of the instructor.

- I. Short Fiction Elements
  - A. Plot
  - B. Characterization
  - C. Style
  - D. Point of View
  - E. Setting
  - F. Theme
- II. Types of Literary Criticism
- III. Critical Analysis of Short Fiction
  - A. Historical, social, and cultural background of the assigned works of short fiction
  - B. Utilizing primary and secondary sources
  - C. Documenting primary and secondary sources

## **STUDENT REQUIREMENTS AND METHOD OF EVALUATION**

The following grade scale will be used in this course:

- 90-100 % A
- 80-89 % B
- 70-79% C
- 60-69 % D
- 0-59 % F

## **ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT GAIN**

The purpose of assessing student learning at Neosho County Community College is to ensure the educational purposes of the institution are met and appropriate changes are made in program development and classroom instruction to allow for student success. The instructor(s) of this course will determine the methods of assessment most appropriate and complete an assessment report at the end of the course.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

1. NCCC values interactive learning which promotes student engagement in the learning process. To be actively engaged, the student must be present in the learning environment.
2. Unless students are participating in a school activity or are excused by the instructor, they are expected to attend class. If a student's absences exceed one-eighth of the total course duration, (which equates to one hundred (100) minutes per credit hour in a face-to-face class) the instructor has the right, but is not required, to withdraw a student from the course. Once the student has

been dropped for excessive absences, the registrar's office will send a letter to the student, stating that he or she has been dropped. A student may petition the chief academic officer for reinstatement by submitting a letter stating valid reasons for the absences within one week of the registrar's notification. If the student is reinstated into the class, the instructor and the registrar will be notified. Please refer to the Student Handbook/Academic Policies for more information

3. Absences that occur due to students participating in official college activities are excused except in those cases where outside bodies, such as the State Board of Nursing, have requirements for minimum class minutes for each student. Students who are excused will be given reasonable opportunity to make up any missed work or receive substitute assignments from the instructor and should not be penalized for the absence. Proper procedure should be followed in notifying faculty in advance of the student's planned participation in the event. Ultimately it is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor in advance of the planned absence.

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

NCCC expects every student to demonstrate ethical behavior with regard to academic pursuits. Academic integrity in coursework is a specific requirement. Definitions, examples, and possible consequences for violations of Academic Integrity, as well as the appeals process, can be found in the College Catalog, Student Handbook, and/or Code of Student Conduct and Discipline.

### **ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY**

Student cell phones and other personal electronic devices not being used for class activities must not be accessed during class times unless the instructor chooses to waive this policy.

### **NOTE**

Information and statements in this document are subject to change at the discretion of NCCC. Students will be notified of changes and where to find the most current approved documents.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

If you are a student with a disability who may need accommodation(s), in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, please notify the Dean of Student Services in the Student Services Office, Sanders Hall, 620-432-0304, on the Chanute Campus, or the Dean for the Ottawa and Online Campuses, 785-248-2798, on the Ottawa Campus as soon as possible. You will need to bring your documentation for review in order to determine reasonable accommodations, and then we can assist you in arranging any necessary accommodations.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

The following link provides information related to the non-discrimination policy of NCCC, including persons with disabilities. Students are urged to review this policy.

<http://www.neosho.edu/Departments/NonDiscrimination.aspx>

## **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY (TITLE IX)**

At NCCC, it is the responsibility of an instructor to help create a safe learning environment in the classroom, including both physical and virtual classrooms. All instructors are considered mandatory reporters at NCCC, therefore any information regarding sexual misconduct that is shared by a student in one-on-one meetings with the instructor must be reported to appropriate personnel at the College. Instructors will keep the information private to the greatest extent possible, but it is not confidential. Generally, climate surveys, classroom writing assignments or discussions, human subjects research, or events such as Take Back the Night events do not provide notice that must be reported to the Coordinator by employees, unless the reporting party clearly indicates that they wish a report to be made.

The following link provides information related to the sexual misconduct policy of NCCC, including resources, reporting options, and student rights. Students are urged to review this policy.

<http://www.neosho.edu/TitleIX.aspx>

## **COURSE NOTES**

None