# 2211F: The Naked Writer

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## Course Description and Objectives

In this course you will explore the fundamentals and challenges of creative writing via short fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction. The goal of this practice-based class is two-fold: to acquaint you with the variety of creative writing being published today and to provide you with the tools to produce creative work of their own. You will share work and provide critical feedback on the work of your peers. Classes will be a mixture of in-class writing, discussion, and workshop.

#### Required Texts

Coursepack prepared by instructor

#### Grade Breakdown:

In-class work25%Response papers15%Nonfiction Essay20%Short Story20%Poem20%

Courtesy and Decorum: Due to the nature of this class, which at times can explore raw, sensitive and highly personal material, all workshop pieces and discussions thereof are to remain confidential.

#### Submitting Assignments

Assignments are due in-class on the date specified on the schedule. Late essays will be penalized a full letter grade per day unless your instructor has granted you an extension beforehand. You must apply for extensions ahead of the due date and provide a suitable reason; they are not automatic.

If necessary, please submit essays to the Writing Department Drop Box outside Stevenson-

However, do not

fax assignments e-mail assignments

Keep copies of all assignments submitted.

When submitting assignments on Owl, please title your papers thusly: Last Name\_Essay # (for example, Manley\_2). Failure to do so will result in a 5% penalty

### Communication

All students are required to have an active UWO e-mail account and to check it regularly between class meetings. It is the primary way that I communicate with you outside of class.

<u>Note</u> -up

<u>will</u> count as non-attendance, and <u>will</u> attract penalties as defined above if applicable. Instructors at the University of Western Ontario <u>shall not require</u> a student to write a make-up test or similar at times which conflict with that

you elect to

miss a class in order to write such a test, that is <u>your</u> choice; your absence will not be excused.

Scholastic Offences, including Plagiarism

The University Senate requires the following statements, and Web site references, to appear on course outlines:

policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf.

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage of text from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy as above).

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (http://www.turnitin.com)

#### Prerequisites

The University Senate requires the following statement to appear on course outlines:

Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the

The prerequisite for registration in this course is a) a final grade of 65 or more in one of Writing 2101F/G, 2125F/G (or the former 2121F/G), 2111F/G, or 2131F/G, or b) a final grade of 70 or more in one of Writing 1000F/G, 1030F/G, 1031F/G, or c) Special Permission of the department.

Medical Accommodation Policy

For UWO Policy on Accommodation For Medical Illness, see:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medical.pdf

(downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC): <a href="https://studentservices.uwo.ca">https://studentservices.uwo.ca</a> under the Medical Documentation heading)

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical or other grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade

must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation on medical grounds cannot be granted by the instructor or Writing Studies, and Writing Studies requires students in these circumstances to follow the same procedure when seeking academic accommodation on non-medical (i.e. non-medical compassionate or other) grounds.

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth less than 10% of their final grade must also apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Where in these circumstances the accommodation is being sought on non-medical grounds, students should consult in the first instance with their instructor, who may elect to make a decision on the request directly, or refer the student to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty.

Students should also note that individual instructors are not permitted to receive medical documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for accommodation on medical grounds, or for other reasons (e.g. to explain an absence from class which may