ENGL 6007 - The Short Story
Course Outline

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Semester
Semester 1 - 2005

Unit Weighting
10

Teaching Methods
Lecture
Seminar
Workshop

Brief Course Description
This course offers advanced training for students interested in furthering their abilities as short story writers. Students explore the skills and techniques of major practitioners of the form and learn to apply them to their creative work.

Contact Hours
Workshop for 2 Hours per Week for 13 Weeks
Equivalent to 2 hours per week plus individual consultation.

Learning Materials/Texts
Information enclosed

Course Objectives
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate
(1) an understanding of the art and form of the short story;
(2) a detailed understanding of the techniques of major writers;
(3) core skills in written and oral communication, in textual analysis and in creative practice.

Course Content
A good short story often reads like a good poem, and is as difficult to write. It requires more concentration and crafting than the novella or novel. There are fewer opportunities for character development, description and plot unfolding. It requires stringent economy with words and taut control of form. Students will learn to write good short stories from studying exemplary practitioners like Anton Chekhov and Raymond Carver. They will learn to shape their work through drafts in workshops and through consultation with the tutor.

Particular attention will be paid to
* The form and structure of the short story
* Narrative strategies such as plot, setting and characterization
* Special skills and techniques of major writers
* Revising and editing
Assessment Items

| Essays / Written Assignments | (1) 3500-word creative writing portfolio (70%)  
|                              | (2) 1500-word critical essay (30%)          |

Assumed Knowledge
Nil

Distance Education - Callaghan Timetable

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Enquiries: School of Language and Media

Semester 1 - 2005
Dist. Learn Wednesday 08:00 - 09:00
and Lecture Thursday 14:00 - 15:00

Also offered at Callaghan
Time to be negotiated with Lecturer - Room: MC139

Plagiarism

University policy prohibits students plagiarising any material under any circumstances. A student plagiarises if he or she presents the thoughts or works of another as one's own. Without limiting the generality of this definition, it may include:

- copying or paraphrasing material from any source without due acknowledgment;
- using another's ideas without due acknowledgment;
- working with others without permission and presenting the resulting work as though it was completed independently.

Plagiarism is not only related to written works, but also to material such as data, images, music, formulae, websites and computer programs.

Aiding another student to plagiarise is also a violation of the Plagiarism Policy and may invoke a penalty.

For further information on the University policy on plagiarism, please refer to the Policy on Student Academic Integrity at the following link - http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policy/academic/general/academic_integrity_policy_new.html

The University has established a software plagiarism detection system called Turnitin. When you submit assessment items please be aware that for the purpose of assessing any assessment item the University may -

- Reproduce this assessment item and provide a copy to another member of the University; and/or
- Communicate a copy of this assessment item to a plagiarism checking service (which may then retain a copy of the item on its database for the purpose of future plagiarism checking).
- Submit the assessment item to other forms of plagiarism checking
Written Assessment Items

Students may be required to provide written assessment items in electronic form as well as hard copy.

Extension of Time for Assessment Items, Deferred Assessment and Special Consideration for Assessment Items or Formal Written Examinations

Students are required to submit assessment items by the due date, as advised in the Course Outline, unless the Course Coordinator approves an extension of time for submission of the item. University policy is that an assessment item submitted after the due date, without an approved extension, will be penalised.

Any student:
1. who is applying for an extension of time for submission of an assessment item on the basis of medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment: or
2. whose attendance at or performance in an assessment item or formal written examination has been or will be affected by medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment;

must report the circumstances, with supporting documentation, to the appropriate officer on the prescribed form.

Please go to the Policy and the on-line form for further information, particularly for information on the options available to you, at:

http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policy/academic/adm_prog/special_consideration.htm

Changing your Enrolment

The last dates to withdraw without financial or academic penalty (called the HECS Census Dates) are:

For semester 1 courses: 31 March 2005
For semester 2 courses: 31 August 2005
For Trimester 1 courses: 18 February 2005
For Trimester 2 courses: 10 June 2005

Students may withdraw from a course without academic penalty on or before the last day of semester and prior to the commencement of the formal exam period. Any withdrawal from a course after the last day of semester will result in a fail grade.

Students cannot enrol in a new course after the second week of semester/trimester, except under exceptional circumstances. Any application to add a course after the second week of semester/trimester must be on the appropriate form, and should be discussed with the School Office.

To change your enrolment online, please refer to

http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/enrolment/change-enrol.html
Contact Details

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Faculty Student Service Offices
Faculty of Science and Information Technology
Room V19 (Mathematics Building) Phone: 0249 215 562

The Faculty of Education and Arts
Room: GP1-22 (General Purpose Building) Phone: 0249 215 314

The Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment
Room: EF101 (EF Building) Phone: 0249 216 065

Architecture and Built Environment
Room: A106 (Architecture Building) Phone: 0249 215 782

The Faculty of Health
Level 1 (Bowman Building) Phone: 0249 215 682

The Faculty of Business and Law
Room: SRS130 (Social Sciences Building) Phone: 0249 215 983

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Various services are offered by the University Student Support Unit:


Alteration of this Course Outline

No change to this course outline will be permitted after the end of the second week of the term except in exceptional circumstances and with Head of School approval. Students will be notified in advance of any approved changes to this outline.

Web Address for Rules Governing Undergraduate Academic Awards
STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS

The University is committed to providing a range of support services for students with a disability or chronic illness.

If you have a disability or chronic illness which you feel may impact on your studies, please feel free to discuss your support needs with your lecturer or course coordinator.

Disability Support may also be provided by the Student Support Service (Disability). Students must be registered to receive this type of support. To register please contact the Disability Liaison Officer on 49 21 5766, or via email at: student-disability@newcastle.edu.au.

As some forms of support can take a few weeks to implement it is extremely important that you discuss your needs with your lecturer, course coordinator or Student Support Service staff at the beginning of each semester.

For more information related to confidentiality and documentation please visit the Student Support Service (Disability) website at:

www.newcastle.edu.au/services/disability