

## Course Description

### Course Unit

**English C2 - Creative Writing**

### UC Code

ENG3.12275

### ECTS Credits

6 ECTS

### Work Hours

168H (6 ECTS)

### Level

BA

### Academic year and Semester

2024/2025, S2

### Faculty

Bernardo Palmeirim

### Class

TP 5

### Language of instruction

English

### Class Description

Throughout this course, students will have to read various texts in English and complete a variety of writing exercises, which will prepare them for writing their own short-short stories (aka 'flash fiction'). We'll discuss a selection of short stories and flash fiction and engage with those as well as a variety of other source materials (drafts, encyclopedia entries, film, graphic novels and podcasts). The main goal will be to analyze the usage of different narrative techniques and fictional structures, and then creatively appropriate them. Accordingly, exercises shall, as a rule, be divided into two phases: 1) reading, analysis and discussion of a story to see how a given narrative technique or element (character, plot, setting, mood, etc.) is put to work there; 2) applying that element or

technique in a practical creative writing exercise. Students will have to complete not only individual but also group assignments.

### ***Grading and Assessment***

Students will have to write 2 flash fiction pieces. Part of the course will therefore focus on show/tell and compression, and other theoretical specifics of flash fiction. We'll think about how storytelling works by reading authors' stories carefully, and work on developing craftsmanship by critically discussing colleagues' stories. Students will present one of their stories orally to the class, offering a rehearsed reading, explanation of the creative process and of the crafting of narrative elements, and a response to questions from the class and teacher. The test will consist in a comparison/contrast essay on the course reading materials (a collection of short stories). Groups will present a podcast episode: the group shall receive an overall mark; individual marks will gravitate around this mark.

Short story 1 (inc. oral presentation)

25%

Short story 2

20%

One written test

25%

Group assignment (Radiolab podcast episode)

10%

Active Attendance (attendance, relevant participation, class tasks, homework) 20%

### ***Bibliography***

Having concluded English C1.2

### ***Prerequisites (if applicable)***

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