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CURRICULUM GUIDELINES

A. Division: **INSTRUCTIONAL**

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	New Course	
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C: **CRWR 1202**

D: **Personal Narrative**

Subject & Course No.	Descriptive Title	Semester Credits
F: Calendar Description:	This course concentrates on writing based on personal experience. Students develo	

M: Course Objectives / Learning OutcomesGeneral Objectives:

Students will

1. discover narratives in their own biographies and in the lives of their families and communities;
2. learn how to transform these narratives into non-fiction, fiction, and poetry;
3. present these forms to the workshop for discussion; and
4. develop skills in selection and revision.

Specific Objectives:

Pre-writing:

1. Students will learn to recognize the value of their own life experiences and observations as a basis for writing.
2. Students will learn to recognize anecdotes, tall tales, gossip, yarns, myths and other forms of narratives in their own lives and in their families and communities.
3. Students will learn to identify narratives in their own lives and in their families and communities that are particularly significant in their own biographies.

Writing:

1. Students will learn to write first-person non-fiction narratives that are appropriately detailed.
2. Students will learn to transform first-person narratives into short fiction through necessary developments in point of view, structure, plot and characterization.
3. Students will learn to metamorphose first-person narratives into poems through the use of compression and through the development of imagery.

Revision:

1. Students will recognize the value of revision as an essential part of the process of articulating and refining written thought and feeling.
2. Students will learn to consider critical suggestions from peers and instructor, and incorporate these revisions where suitable.
3. Students will learn to critique their own narratives and their short fictions and poems.
4. Students will learn to recognize and use in their critiques technical terms related to the craft of writing.

Q: Means of Assessment

Students will be evaluated on the basis of at least five assignments. These may include personal narrative (based on student's biography), personal narrative (based on experiences of student's family or community member), one piece of short fiction, and/or poetry, all of which count for a minimum of 60% of the grade. Other evaluations may include class participation, in-class writing assignments, and self-evaluation of submitted material.

Students are required to attend 80% of the workshops. A student missing more than 20% of the workshops without receiving prior permission from the instructor will receive 0 in Class Participation. Leaving after the break is considered half an absence.

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