



South Central College

# ENGL 160 Introduction to Short Story

## Course Outcome Summary

### Course Information

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| <b>Description</b>   | This course introduces students to the genre of short story and literary analysis. Students will examine literary concepts such as time, setting, place, narrative, plot, characterization, and literary device. They will also study the authors and the influence of history and place on the short story form. (MNTC Goal Area 6: The Humanities and Fine Arts). Prerequisite: Accuplace Reading Comprehension Score of 78 or above or completion of READ 0090. |
| <b>Total Credits</b> | 4  |
| <b>Total Hours</b>   | 64   |

### Types of Instruction

| Instruction Type | Credits/Hours |
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| Lecture          |               |

### Pre/Corequisites

Acuplacer Reading Comprehension Score of 78 or above or completion of READ0090

### Institutional Core Competencies

Critical and Creative Thinking - Students will be able to demonstrate purposeful thinking with the goal of using a creative process for developing and building upon ideas and/or the goal of using a critical process for the analyzing and evaluating of ideas.

### Course Competencies

#### 1. Examine the short story form

##### Learning Objectives

- Discuss the creation of the short story as a literary form
- Examine short stories from the United States and other countries
- Analyze the differences between short stories in different movements of literature

#### 2. Analyze plot structure

##### Learning Objectives

- Identify how plots are structured to move a story forward
- Examine different elements of plot and their impacts
- Analyze the use of conflict in plot

**3. Demonstrate an understanding of point of view**

**Learning Objectives**

Define different points of view  
Examine how each point of view is utilized  
Analyze the role of the narrator

**4. Analyze characters and character development**

**Learning Objectives**

Define character types  
Examine how characters are developed  
Analyze the impact of characters within stories

**5. Identify and analyze themes in short stories**

**Learning Objectives**

Identify themes in short stories  
Discuss how themes are revealed and how they impact the work

**6. Describe the impact of setting in short stories**

**Learning Objectives**

Identify the elements of setting in short stories  
Assess how setting is revealed  
Analyze the impact of setting

**7. Compare and contrast short stories**

**Learning Objectives**

Analyze the various approaches to the short story form  
Write a short comparison/contrast essay

**8. Identify the role of the audience**

**Learning Objectives**

Demonstrate the importance of audience  
Analyze how audience response influences the interpretation of a short story  
Describe how bias and cultural context impact the interpretation of literature

**9. Place short stories in a historical time frame**

**Learning Objectives**

Examine the evolution of the short story form  
Analyze the impact of historic and cultural events on the stories

**10. Formulate personal reactions to short stories**

**Learning Objectives**

Use the language of literary criticism to discuss short stories  
Apply the elements of critical thinking when reading short stories  
Compare alternate interpretations of short stories

**11. Identify human values within short stories**

**Learning Objectives**

Identify human universal values  
Analyze how authors convey humanity  
Describe human values within short stories

**12. Write about short stories using literary analysis**

**Learning Objectives**

Complete short written analyses of individual short stories  
Write short papers that compare and contrast two or more short stories

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