

ENGLISH 431: ADVANCED COMPOSITION

Cr. 3

A course for students who have mastered fundamental writing skills and are prepared to study and practice the writing process in a more sophisticated and rigorous fashion. This course considers how to generate and organize ideas, how to adapt writing to various audiences and purposes, and how to revise, edit and polish writing--components of a developing and mature style.

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The course assumes some familiarity with forms of exposition and argument and aims to develop the students' sense of style, tone, and organization for various writing occasions and audiences. Students will write seven essays (approximately three to five pages each), complete a major revision of an earlier paper, and regularly keep a journal/writer's notebook. Assignments will include such forms as the personal essay, the popular article, the critical review, and the formal essay.

Class discussion and lecture will often rely on a workshop format. Frequent individual conferences will supplement regular classroom instruction.

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