

Course Description Form

Course number and section: CRWR 210 001

Course Topic: Power of Story

Credits: 3

Term: 1

Instructor: Michael V. Smith

Course Description (aim for no more than 80 – 100 words for your course description):

An interdisciplinary survey on story designed to assist students in the analysis and construction of narratives, exploring how story structure, character, action, image, and setting/context create meaning. We will explore story with a variety of approaches, including narrative perspective, character as action, internal and external image systems, the inciting incident, the controlling idea and the climax, value changes, and subtext.

Tentative Reading List: (Be as concise as possible with your reading list, but please also specify the genre of each required text. See sample below)

King, Thomas. *The Truth about Stories: A Native Narrative*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, c2005.

McKee, Robert. *Story: Substance, Structure and Style*. New York: ReganBooks, c1997.

[Excerpt from *Story* is on Connect / Library Reserve: no need to buy this text]

Other: