

## ENGLISH 1150

### Short Fiction

This is an information sheet only, not the course syllabus.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

(IAI H3 901)

A study of selected short stories. The stories are read and discussed to increase students' understanding and enjoyment of this literary form. Prerequisite: None. (3 credit hours)

### COURSE MATERIALS

**Required Textbook:** *The Story and Its Writer Compact: An Introduction to Short Fiction.*

Charters, Ann, Bedford/St. Martin's; 7th edition, 2007. ISBN 0-312-44271-8. Available in the bookstore or by ordering elsewhere--but **please be careful to order the correct edition** –There are multiple versions of this book available, and if you order a different one, it may not have all the stories!

**Recommended:** *The Thing About Hope Is...* McGrath, David. Boston: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2003. (254 pages) Purchase in bookstore or order elsewhere. I recommend this because it was edited by my father, who is also a short story writer. Many of the authors in this collection live in the Chicago area, and if you're interested in reading more short fiction, this is a great choice!

### EVALUATION/GRADING

<b>Readings:</b>	16 Short Stories
<b>Writing Activities:</b>	a) One reflection paper, b) Two essay exams c) One term paper: Students will complete one 1,000 word term paper
<b>Discussion:</b>	Ten postings that respond to the class readings.

### COURSE SCHEDULE

This is a self-paced course, but you should create your own reading schedule that helps you finish Units 1-5 by the midterm, and Units 6-9 by the final. Give yourself plenty of time to read, or re-read the assignments. It can be easy to fall behind in a class like this, so be sure to stay on top of the assignments!

### GRADING

A	-arguable and valid thesis which demonstrates sophisticated, original, and intense thought.
B	-arguable and valid thesis which is strongly supported by each paragraph.
C	-arguable and valid thesis which is supported by each paragraph.
D	-underdeveloped or vulnerable thesis.
F	-underdeveloped/vulnerable thesis or lack of thesis.

### SATISFACTORY/FAIL OPTION

The S/F grade option is not available to students in this course.

### INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY

The Incomplete Grade is not an option in this course.