

Course Information Sheet

Exploring Creative Writing



Unleash your inner writer! Explore the fundamentals of creative writing and develop your storytelling skills in a supportive environment.

Course Description:

Do you dream of crafting captivating stories? This engaging 8-week course, Exploring Creative Writing, equips you with the tools and techniques to transform your ideas into compelling narratives. Explore different literary genres, delve into the power of character development, and master the art of crafting vivid settings and engaging plots. Through writing exercises, workshops, and personalised feedback, you'll gain the confidence to refine your voice and tell your stories with power. Join us and discover the joy of creative expression!

What will I learn?

- **Week 1 & 2:** Foundations of Creative Writing - Explore the elements of storytelling, delve into different genres (fiction, poetry, etc.), and learn essential writing techniques like character development, dialogue, and point of view.
- **Week 3 & 4:** Building Vivid Worlds & Characters - Master the art of world-building, discover methods to create believable characters, and practice crafting engaging dialogue to bring your stories to life.
- **Week 5 & 6:** Plot Development & Narrative Techniques - Explore how to plot your story effectively, learn how to build suspense and conflict, and practise different narrative techniques to captivate your reader.
- **Week 7 & 8:** Refining Your Voice & Sharing Your Work - Gain valuable feedback on your writing, learn techniques for revision and editing, and discover how to develop your unique writing style with confidence.

How will I be assessed?

- **Formative:** Weekly writing exercises, peer feedback sessions, and online discussions will help you hone your craft and receive constructive criticism.
- **Summative:** A final portfolio submission consisting of original creative writing pieces in a chosen genre, showcasing your understanding of the course concepts and your progress as a writer.

Who is this course for?

This course is open to anyone with a passion for storytelling and a desire to develop their creative writing skills.

Who is your target audience?

This course is designed for learners hoping to develop a new level of understanding and practical skills in creative writing. It caters to those who want to explore different writing styles, learn effective storytelling techniques, and gain the confidence to share their work. **Progression Opportunities:**

After completing this course, you can delve deeper into specific genres (e.g., novel writing, scriptwriting) or explore advanced writing techniques. Consider pursuing further studies in creative writing programs or creative industries courses offered by universities across the UK.

Career or Job Enhancement Pathways:

This course can be a stepping stone towards various careers that involve creative writing skills, including:

- Copywriter
- Content Writer
- Novelist
- Screenwriter

How do I enrol?

If you are paying the full fee, the quickest way to enrol is online at www.oucoursesouthwest.co.uk, simply create an account and select enrol now. Alternatively, you will need to speak to one of our customer service team on 01752 660713.

How will the course be delivered?

This is a practical course, and the sessions will include tutor-led demonstrations, learner-led group activities, instruction and repetition. These will form part of the delivery together with one-to-one support as required.

Will I need to practise outside the classroom?

You will be encouraged to review your notes between lessons to ensure maximum benefit from your course. It is always useful to practise your skills between sessions. Your tutor may encourage home learning, or independent research.

How will I know I'm making progress?

During the first session, your tutor will discuss your goals and current level in relation to the course. Based on this assessment, you will agree individual targets which you will record in your individual learning plan (ILP). You and your tutor will review your targets regularly to ensure that you are making progress; these will be written in your individual learning plan.

What will I need?

Please bring a notepad, and pen to each session. You may wish to bring a file for any handouts. A laptop with internet access is required for completion of coursework and home learning outside of the classroom.

Please note:

Most courses attract a subsidy from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is a requirement of the ESFA that you complete various forms at different stages of your course, further information is available on request. Courses are subject to a minimum number of enrolments and could be cancelled if recruitment is low. In some cases, an alternative class at a different location may be offered.

Terms and conditions are available at

<https://www.onsouthwest.co.uk/learner-information/essential-information-for-every-learner>

Room numbers are subject to change - please check when you arrive at the venue.

