

**NORMANDEALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COMMON COURSE OUTLINE
ENGW 2800: AFA Capstone**

September 2013

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

- A. ENGW 2800: AFA Capstone
- B. Fall, Spring, Summer
- C. 3 credits
- D. Required Prerequisites: Admission into the AFA in Creative Writing Program, and completion of at least four required courses for the AFA in Creative Writing
- E. MNTC: none

II. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

The Capstone Project course fulfills the Capstone requirement for the AFA in Creative Writing. In the course, students complete individualized creative writing projects, which may include fiction, drama, poetry, or creative nonfiction pieces, internships, or service learning projects.

III. LEARNING OUTCOMES

Successful students will demonstrate the ability to:

- A. Design, revise, and edit writing projects of 20 – 30 pages
- B. Analyze the writing of professional writers, classmates, and others for craft elements
- C. Research and improve knowledge of the larger literary community

IV. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT

- A. Study craft concerns/elements of one or more of the following creative writing genres: fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, play writing, or screenwriting
- B. Apply craft concerns/elements studied to their own writing
- C. Assess their own writing strengths and weaknesses, and develop a written plan for improving their writing
- D. Complete ONE of the following projects:
 - i. A 10+ page poetry chapbook (single-spaced, 12 pt font)
 - ii. A 20+ page prose project (double-spaced, 12 pt font)
 - iii. A 20+ page play or screenplay (properly formatted, 12 pt font)
 - iv. A 30+ hour internship or service learning project related to creative writing
 - v. A project combining an internship and writing project equaling the above amount of work.
- E. Assess their own performance in the Capstone course and in the AFA program

V. EVALUATION

- A. Portfolios
- B. Participation in required workshops and individual meetings
- C. Reading and research journals and/or class presentations on readings and research
- D. In-class individual and group work