

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

**COURSE TITLE:** The Short Story      **COURSE NUMBER:**    ENG 211

**DESCRIPTION:** Close reading and analysis of short fiction. Includes a review of the elements and vocabulary of literary criticism and study of the short story as a literary genre. Student will read a cross section of traditional, modern, and experimental prose. Course content involves reading, lecture, discussion, group projects, research, and the writing of essays of analysis and response. Attention will be paid to understanding how short stories work and putting the assigned works into a larger context of literary movements and themes.

**PRE-REQUISITE:** English 102 with a C or better or consent of instructor.

- **OBJECTIVES:**
  - To provide an understanding of the short story as a literary genre and the range of literature that falls into this genre.
  - To enhance the student's awareness of how literature works to create meaning.
  - To enhance the student's awareness and understanding of human experience through the study and interpretation of literary works.
  - To enable students to see how the works studied fit into larger historical and thematic contexts.
  - To provide practice in critical thinking and writing.
  - To further refine the student's skill in expository writing.
  - To expand students' research skills in the area of literature.

**OUTCOMES:** By the completion of Eng. 211, students should demonstrate the ability to:

- recognize and explain the variety within the short story genre.
- understand the historical development of this genre.
- understand the terminology and methodology of literary analysis.
- apply this knowledge of analysis to a variety of short stories.
- see the connection between a variety of short fiction and larger historical and thematic contexts.
- write coherent, articulate, correct essays based on analysis of, or reaction to, short stories and their themes.
- use the library as well as web-based resources to find literary research sources that expand their understanding of the primary texts.

**College Policies**

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanctions ranging from failure of the assignment (receiving a zero), failing the course, being removed/expelled from the program and/or the College. Please refer to your "Student Handbook" under "Policy on Student Rights," the Section entitled "Student Discipline," or the College catalog for additional information.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):** The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented learning, physical, or psychiatric disabilities. Students should notify Dr. Christine

Woodcock, the Counselor for Students with Disabilities. She is located at Green Woods Hall, in the Center for Student Development. Her phone number is 860-738-6318 and her email is [cwoodcock@nwcc.edu](mailto:cwoodcock@nwcc.edu).

**School Cancellations:** If snowy or icy driving conditions cause the postponement or cancellation of classes, announcements will be made on local radio and television stations and posted on the College's website at [www.nwcc.edu](http://www.nwcc.edu). Students may also call the College directly at **(860) 738-6464** to hear a recorded message concerning any inclement weather closings. Students are urged to exercise their own judgment if road conditions in their localities are hazardous.

**Use of Electronic Devices:** Some course content as presented in Blackboard Learn is not fully supported on mobile devices at this time. While mobile devices provide convenient access to check in and read information about your courses, they should not be used to perform work such as taking tests, quizzes, completing assignments, or submitting substantive discussion posts.

**Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team:** NCCC is committed to creating a community that is safe and supportive of people of all gender and sexual identities. This pertains to the entire campus community, whether on ground or virtual, students, faculty, or staff.

Sexual assault and intimate partner violence is an affront to our national conscience, and one we cannot ignore. It is our hope that no one within our campus community will become a victim of these crimes. However, if it occurs, NCCC has created the SART Team - Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team - to meet the victim's needs.

SART is a campus and community based team that is fully trained to provide trauma-informed compassionate service and referrals for comprehensive care. The team works in partnership with The Susan B. Anthony Project to extend services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year.

The NCCC team members are:

Ruth Gonzalez, Ph.D.	860-738-6315	Green Woods Hall Room 207
Susan Berg	860-738-6342	Green Woods Hall Room 223
Kathleen Chapman	860-738-6344	Green Woods Hall Room 110
Michael Emanuel	860-738-6389	Founders Hall Annex Room 308
Seth Kershner	860-738-6481	Library
Jane O'Grady	860-738-6393	Founders Hall Annex Room 212
Robin Orlomoski	860-738-6416	Business Office Room 201
Patricia Bouffard, Ex-Officio	860-738-6319	Founders Hall Room 103
Savannah Schmitt		Student Representative
Jacob Wujcik		Student Representative

At NCCC we care about our students, staff and faculty and their well-being. It is our intention to facilitate the resources needed to help achieve both physical and emotional health.