

**NorthWest Arkansas Community College**  
**Division of Communication and Arts**  
**English Department**

**Course Number and Title**

ENGL 2523, Craft of Non-Fiction

**Catalog Description**

Students will read, write, and explore different subgenres of creative nonfiction such as personal essay, memoir, and narrative journalism. Students will learn about important issues in the genre of creative nonfiction, and examine style and craft elements in the work of professional writers. In a workshop setting, students will analyze and discuss creative works they produce.

**Prerequisites**

Prerequisites: English 2023 and English 2033 with a grade "C" or better, or consent of instructor.

**Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours**

Three

**Target Audience/Transferability**

This class is open to those interested in learning more about how to compose nonfiction and who are pursuing an Associate of Fine Arts in Creative Writing.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Students will

- Write original essays using class discussions of genre and various works to help craft (and to experiment with) essays
- Read and analyze essays and full length works of nonfiction
- Acquire an understanding of the development of the genre of creative nonfiction
- Understand how creative or narrative nonfiction is different from other kinds of nonfiction writing

**Topics**

- Narrative structure
- Scene
- Voice
- Point of View
- Memoir
- Personal Essay
- Subgenres of essay
- Literary Journalism
- Truth / Accuracy / Ethics
- Revision / Workshop environment

**Forms of Assessment**

Weekly reading journal

Critical review of a full-length nonfiction work of the student's choice

Final portfolio, featuring revised original essays and critical reflection