**WRITING MINOR**

**Description:** The Writing minor allows students to practice the craft of writing in various forms and genres. Students participate in a broad range of workshop-based courses, including poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, journalism, legal writing and business writing. Some courses focus on the creation of original, artistic work while others prepare students for careers in professional writing or for graduate study.

In the creative writing courses, students master narrative forms and learn how to construct resonant fiction, creative nonfiction and poetry. In the journalism courses, students learn how to gather appropriate information, ask pertinent questions and write hard news articles and features. In the academic and professional writing courses, students practice original research, argumentation and advanced rhetorical strategies.

All courses will be conducted as workshops; students will regularly present their writing for close review and critique by their professors and peers. This emphasis on close reading, as well as on writing, will strengthen their critical abilities. The Writing minor will allow students to hone their writing skills and to find their own unique voices as they learn to negotiate the demands of specific audiences and genres.

**Admission to the minor:** Completion of English 201 with a minimum grade of C+, or permission of the Writing Minor Advisor.

**Requirements:** Students must complete 18 credits (6 courses) in writing. Students may apply one 3-credit literature elective in satisfying the 18 credits.

**YOU SHOULD ALWAYS REFER TO THE JOHN JAY COLLEGE BULLETIN FOR A DESCRIPTION OF MINOR REQUIREMENTS.**

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**CORE REQUIREMENT**

6 credits

ENG 218  The Writing Workshop

And choose one 300-level seminar course:

ENG 3XX  Advanced Poetry Writing
ENG 3XX  Advanced Fiction Writing
ENG 316  Advanced Writing and Response: Theory and Practice (ENG 255 is a prerequisite for this course)

**ELECTIVES**

12 credits

- Students may select any four courses in English (ENG) except ENG 101 or ENG 102/201.
- Students should consult Chapter 2 of the Undergraduate Bulletin and/or the current course schedule for current offerings in English (ENG).

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To become a Writing minor, students should simply proceed to take the necessary 18 credits. During the semester in which they will complete the final course needed for the minor, students should fill out a declaration of minor form, available at One Stop, have the minor advisor or the department chair sign the form, then submit it in person to the registrar.

**Minor Worksheet:**

You may use the space below to keep track of your course selections for the English minor.

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