

Creative Writing

INSTITUTE I June 28-July 2, 2009

INSTITUTE II July 5-9, 2009

Each summer Alfred University welcomes high school students to campus to take part in our Creative Writing Institutes. These programs are for students who love to write and wish to hone their writing skills. They also provide an opportunity for students to sample life on a college campus, and to meet other students with similar interests and academic ability.

THE PROGRAM

Each institute provides an introduction to a variety of genres: poetry, short fiction, creative nonfiction, and drama. In morning and afternoon sessions, students participate in writing-intensive exercises designed to address the elements of craft: voice, character, image, scene, and setting. In addition, students will have an opportunity to participate in workshop sessions in which they will read and discuss each other's work with an eye towards revision. Students will also read and discuss the work of established authors, investigating the strategies they use to craft their poetry and prose. Discussions are lively, and students will have an opportunity to work one-on-one with faculty, as well as to attend readings of visiting writers.



THE FACULTY

Susan Morehouse, professor of English and Chair of the AU English Department, is Director of the Summer Creative Writing Institutes. **Rahul Mehta**, AU Lecturer in English, serves as Co-director. Any questions about institute class content may be directed to them at:

Susan Morehouse – 607-871-2173 or morehous@alfred.edu
Rahul Mehta – 607-871-2267 or mehta@alfred.edu

ACTIVITIES

When not in classes, students enjoy planned recreational activities as well as free time for relaxation. Planned activities may include indoor and outdoor games, movies, a visit to nearby Foster Lake for a picnic or campfire and swimming, social gatherings at the Terra Cotta Coffee House and a farewell party on the last night. Living, dining and learning together, students have ample opportunity to get to know each other and develop lasting friendships.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

These dynamic institutes are for students who will enter grades 10, 11 or 12 next fall. The number of participants in each institute is kept small (25) to allow for individualized attention.

TUITION, ROOM & BOARD

Students arrive on Sunday afternoon and leave after lunch on Thursday. The cost for each institute is \$725* (includes a \$100 deposit). This covers tuition, supervision, program materials, recreational activities, room and board from dinner on the first day through lunch on the last day. Students stay in residence halls (2 per room). **Students must provide their own pillows, blankets and bed/bath linens** (bed linens must fit the extra-long twin residence hall beds). Meals are served in the campus dining hall.

Each participant is responsible for transportation, incidentals and any extra nights or meals. Details and directions will be sent to all students upon acceptance. If, for any reason, a participant must be sent home early, all expenses will be paid by the student/parent.

Alfred University admissions interviews and campus tours will be available, by appointment, Thursday afternoon.

*There will be a \$25 charge for checks returned for insufficient funds.



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students who wish to apply must return:

1. the attached application form (or the application form from our website)
2. an up-to-date transcript (to January 2009)
3. two letters of recommendation from H.S. teachers (on official school stationery)
4. a one-page essay telling us why you would like to attend this institute (in your own words, with your signature at the bottom)
5. two samples of your creative writing
6. a \$100 deposit (non-refundable unless you are not accepted into the program). *Full payment of the balance (\$625), for accepted students, is due by May 29.* (Sorry, no financial aid or scholarships are available.)

We will begin accepting applications January 5, 2009. Please send all items in one packet and submit by the **application deadline: April 15, 2009.** (Later applications *may* be considered only if space is available.) Incomplete or illegible applications cannot be accepted.

WWW.ALFRED.EDU/SUMMER/CAMPS/WRITING.CFM

INSTITUTE APPLICATION

Type or print in ink only. Fill in all sections. This form may be copied for additional students. *Deadline: April 15, 2009*

To which institute are you applying? Institute I
 Institute II

student's name _____

gender: female male

first name preference for name tag (if different from above) _____

street address/PO box _____

city _____ state _____ zipcode _____

parent/guardian name _____

parent/guardian phone _____ parent/guardian email address _____

student's birth date mm/dd/yy _____ age _____

Please check one of the following:

- My check is enclosed. (Make checks payable to Alfred University.)
 Please charge to my credit card
 VISA MasterCard AMEX Discover

Card Number: _____

Cardholder Name: _____

Cardholder Address (if different from above): _____

Expiration date: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Authorized signature: _____

Send with other application materials to:
Office of Summer Programs, Alfred University, 1 Saxon Drive
Alfred, NY 14802 Fax: 607-871-2045

If you fax the application form and materials, please call us at 607-871-2612 to make sure we receive them and that all is readable.

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COMMENTS FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS

"It was THE BEST week of my life!

I still keep in touch with everyone I met and hope to return next summer. The classes were excellent, and the whole experience was just unforgettable. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart."

- L. Slyman, Ashley, OH

"It was the perfect environment for learning, with the perfect balance of instruction and freedom.

Our classes were 'laid back' enough to feel comfortable, but professional, too, so we were able to learn to write to our full potential. I enjoyed (and will remember) the tips and advice I got from my teachers!"

- R. Roth, Scranton, PA

"The teachers were great!

The classes were interesting and educational. The best thing was the experience of being at college!"

- B. Zalenski, Boscowen, NH

Check us out at

www.alfred.edu/summer

you can email us, too:

summerpro@alfred.edu

NOTE: We reserve the right to make changes in the content of classes without prior notice.

CANCELLATION: The University may cancel any course or activity because of insufficient enrollment or other unforeseen circumstances. If a program is canceled or postponed, the University will refund registration fees but cannot be held responsible for other costs, charges, or expenses, including cancellation/change charges assessed by airlines or travel agencies.

Policy Against Discrimination

Whether considering candidates for admission or financial aid, applicants for employment or the management of its policies and school-administered programs, Alfred University does not discriminate on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, age, race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, or disability. Alfred University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer.

ACCEPTANCE POLICIES

The Institute Admissions Committee will evaluate all applications and determine which students will be accepted. Acceptance and non-acceptance letters will be mailed by April 30. Students requiring an earlier decision should include a note with the application form indicating the date by which they need to be notified. (If a student is not accepted the \$100 deposit will be refunded.)



Accepted students will receive, along with the acceptance letter, additional materials including medical forms, liability releases, emergency notification forms, etc. These materials must be filled out as soon as possible and must be back in our hands by May 29 or the student will not

be permitted to attend. Updated immunization information (including dates) is also required at that time. *If you do not have updated immunization information on hand, you may want to acquire this from your physician now to avoid processing delays.*

STUDENT CANCELLATIONS: Refunds, less the \$100 non-refundable deposit, will be made for cancellations received by June 5. A 50% refund will be made for cancellations received from June 6-19. After June 19 no refunds can be made for any reason.

For further information contact: The Alfred University Office of Summer Programs, 1 Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802. Phone: 607-871-2612. Fax: 607-871-2045. Email: summerpro@alfred.edu.



ABOUT ALFRED

Alfred University is located in the Village of Alfred in the beautiful Finger Lakes region of Western New York State.

The campus, a 6-hour drive from New York City, 2 hours from Buffalo, and 1 1/4 hours from Rochester, is easily accessible by car or bus from all directions and is just five miles south of Interstate 86. The nearest major airport is the Rochester International Airport (about 65 mi. north). Transportation to/from the airport can be provided for an additional charge if we receive the request by the due date indicated in the acceptance letter. After that date students must make their own arrangements with an airport limo service.

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