

Alfred University Creative Writing

July 24-28, 2011

Each summer Alfred University welcomes high school students to campus to take part in our popular Creative Writing Institute. This program is for students who love to write and wish to hone their writing skills. It also provides an opportunity for students to sample life on a college campus and meet other students with similar interests and academic ability.

THE PROGRAM

This exciting 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.



THE FACULTY

Susan Morehouse, professor of English and Chair of the AU English Department, serves as Institute Director and primary instructor.

Questions about institute class content may be directed to her at:

607-871-2173 or morehous@alfred.edu

WHO CAN ATTEND?

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

ACTIVITIES

When not in class, students have *lots of fun* participating in a variety of recreational activities. Planned activities include indoor and outdoor games, movies, visits to a nearby lake for picnics and campfires, swimming, hikes, bowling, hayrides, social gatherings at the Terra Cotta Coffee House, a farewell party on the last night, and more. Alfred University admissions interviews and campus tours will be available by appointment on the last day. Living, dining and learning together, students have a great opportunity to get to know each other and develop lasting friendships.

TUITION, ROOM & BOARD

Students must arrive between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. for registration on Sunday and will leave after lunch on Thursday. The institute fee is \$850* (includes a \$100 deposit). This covers tuition, supervision, program materials, recreational activities, housing and meals. Students stay in University residence halls (2 per room), and must provide their own pillows, blankets and bed/bath linens (bed linens must fit the extra-long twin residence hall beds). Delicious, all-you-can-eat, cafeteria-style meals are served in the campus dining hall.

(Commuter Rate for local students: \$595 - includes tuition, daytime classes, program materials and lunch, only. Commuting students must check in at registration on Sunday and must arrive on campus by 9 a.m. for classes Monday-Thursday. They must be picked up by 5 p.m. each day, except Thursday when pick-up time is 1p.m.)

Further details, including a program schedule and driving directions to campus will be sent to all students upon acceptance.



HOW TO APPLY

Students who wish to apply must return:

1. the attached application form (or the PDF version found at www.alfred.edu/summer/camps/writing.cfm)
2. a copy of an up-to-date transcript or report card
3. two letters of recommendation from 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 (no more than 4 pages each - can be excerpts from longer works)
6. a \$100 deposit (non-refundable unless you are not accepted into the program). Full payment of the balance is due by May 27. (Sorry, no financial aid or scholarships are available.)

We will begin accepting applications January 3, 2011. Please send all items in one packet and submit by the application deadline: April 15, 2011.

*There will be a \$30 charge for checks returned for insufficient funds.

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, 2011**

student's name _____

gender: female male

first name preference for name tag _____ student's email address _____

street address/PO box _____

city _____ state _____ zipcode _____

parent/guardian name _____

parent/guardian phone _____ parent/guardian email address _____

student's birth date _____ age _____

student's school _____ year student will graduate from high school _____

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: _____ CVV# _____
(3 digit code on back of card)

Expiration date: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Cardholder Name: _____

Cardholder Address (if different from above): _____

Authorized signature: _____

Local students planning to commute please check here

Send with other application materials to:
Office of Summer Programs, Alfred University, 1 Saxon Drive
Alfred, NY 14802, fax to 607-871-2045, or scan and email to
summerpro@alfred.edu.

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

CREATIVE WRITING

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."

- Liz S., 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!"

- Alexandra R., Scranton, PA

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

- Bethany Z., Boscowen, NH

"I loved the classes and my professors. Every day here was wonderful!"

- Victoria M., Ballston Spa, NY

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summerpro@alfred.edu

CANCELLATION: *The University may cancel any course or activity at any time 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. Notification letters will be mailed within two weeks of the application deadline. Students requiring an earlier decision should include a note with their application 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 history form, permission form, emergency notification form, etc. These materials must be filled out as soon as possible and must be back in our hands by May 27.

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 3. 50% refunds will be made for cancellations received from June 4-24. Sorry, no refunds can be issued after June 24.

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.

For specific information about class content contact Dr. Susan Morehouse, Institute Director, at 607-871-2173, morehous@alfred.edu.



ABOUT ALFRED

Alfred University is located in the safe, peaceful village of Alfred in western New York State, where summer days are warm and nights are cool and comfortable. Surrounded by rolling hills and beautiful meadows and valleys, Alfred University is the perfect place to spend an enjoyable week learning more about your favorite subject and meeting other students who share your passion for writing!

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 that 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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