

Bossier Parish Community College  
Master Syllabus

**Course Prefix and Number:** ENGL 255 **Credit hours:** 3

**Course Title:** Introduction to Fiction

**Course Prerequisites:** ENGL 102, grade of “C” or better

**Textbook(s):** Perrine, Laurence. *Story and Structure*, 15<sup>th</sup> ed.

**Course Description:** An introduction to the short story and the novel with emphasis on appreciation, analysis, and evaluation. The Louisiana Statewide Common Course Catalog name and number for this course are CENL 2303: Intro to Fiction.

**Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of this course, the student will be able to

- A. identify the elements of literature as they apply short stories and the novel; and
- B. define critical theories associated with analyzing fiction.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will  
(The letter designations at the end of each statement refer to the learning outcome(s).)

1. read the two genres under consideration (A and B).
2. share insights in class discussions (A and B).
3. evaluate a work of fiction in an original critical essay (A and B).
4. analyze a work of fiction in an original essay with proper documentation (A and B).
5. express opinion by critically reviewing works of fiction (A and B).
6. apply these elements and theories to writing critically about fiction (A and B).

**Course Requirements:** Students will successfully complete reading assignments, critical essays, a book review, and major examinations.

**Course Grading Scale:** 90 – 100 A  
80 – 89 B  
70 – 79 C  
60 – 69 D  
0 – 59 F

**Course Fee:** None

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