Do You Enjoy Helping People Write and Develop Ideas?

Then, English 270 is your class!

Writing Tutor Training Seminar
Spring 2014, W 5:30 – 8:15 p.m. (3 Credit Hours)

English 270 covers the fundamentals of being a writing tutor. Through classroom activities, observing, and actual tutoring experiences at the UMKC Writing Studio or another instructor-approved site, students will acquire experience consulting with writers at all stages of the writing process.

Partial List of Reading and Discussion Topics

- Active Listening
- Agenda Setting
- Beginning & Ending Sessions
- Composition Theory
- Creativity & Play in Writing Centers
- Cultural Awareness
- Group Tutoring
- Learning Styles
- Modeling
- Nondirective & Directive Tutoring
- Nonverbal Communication
- Online Tutoring
- Reflective Practice
- Scaffolding
- Tutoring Ethics
- Universal Design
- Using Questions
- Working with CLD/ELL/ESL Writers
- Writing Across the Curriculum
- Writing Center Activism
- Writing Center History & Theory

For more information, email Thomas Ferrel, UMKC Writing Studio Director, at ferrelt@umkc.edu
What former English 270 students are saying about the class!

“As a Secondary Education English major, English 270 taught me how to effectively work with students from different backgrounds and cultures. English 270 is a great course for anyone working with writers or preparing to be an educator.” Tish S.

“I’m employed by a Fortune 500 company. In today’s business world, making a personal and emotional investment in your work, your employees, co-workers, customers, and your community is crucial to maintaining a competitive edge. Through English 270, I gained useful insight into how to fully invest myself and make the most of my professional interactions and experiences. I learned tactics related to effective collaboration, engaged listening, shaping conversations, and time management. Shortly after completing the class, I received a promotion and am now involved in an accelerated executive program with my company. This was an invaluable course for me.” Kristen A.

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