

ENG 474: Review Writing

English 474 is designed to introduce students to professional review writing, a genre which approaches creative writing more closely than other professional writing genres. The course is based on a firm foundation of rhetorical concerns including purpose, audience, situation, style, arrangement, delivery and content as well as ethical, logical and emotional appeals. Students will read general theory of review writing as well as sample reviews from various venues. The most common reviews are film, restaurant and book reviews. However, reviews also address the areas of art, architecture, resorts and hotels, television, theater, dance, music, videogames, radio, television, photography and sculpture. Students will focus on the primary areas but will be encouraged to explore additional areas and to specialize in one particular area by the end of the semester.