

Course Title: Writing Science Fiction and Fantasy

Credits: 4 units

Schedule: Summer 2024

Location Online Asynchronous

### Description

This course will focus on the craft of writing science fiction and fantasy. Students read works from prominent science fiction and fantasy authors and analyze and discuss stories written for the class. Through writing exercises, students gain the skills required to write any form of science fiction or fantasy – from novels to short stories, to scripts and video games.

### Learning Outcomes

- Learn the processes that successful science fiction and fantasy writers use to develop novels, screenplays, and video games.
- Understand the variations on genres, subtexts, and influences
- Become familiar with authoring tools used to create manuscripts and video games
- Analyze the role of science fiction and fantasy as a means of shaping and reflecting behavior
- Identify, Interpret and compare and contrast specific leitmotifs and character types of the science fiction and fantasy genres