



North Highland College
University of the
Highlands and Islands

Creative Writing – Certificate in Higher Education (SCQF 7)

CREATIVE WRITING: WRITING FOR FILM: INTRODUCTION TO SCREENWRITING

Overview of course

The module will encourage students to think creatively in response to a given brief. They will be asked to complete screenwriting/creative assignments within time constraints in class and allowed to refine these for their first assignment – responding to peer and tutor feedback.

They will also gain essential skills in formatting a basic script as well as begin to develop an understanding how to present their work to industry standards.

On completion of this module, students should be able to:

1. Recognise a range of screenwriting forms, and be able to select a format appropriate to the type of programming being scripted.
2. Research write and analyse screenplays
3. Understand the process and the effects of the transition from script to screen in a variety of film forms.
4. Analyse specific screenplays in the context of the issues raised in specified books and articles about the craft and practice of screenwriting.

This module will form part of the BA (Hons) Creative and Professional Writing programme which will commence delivery in September 2018 through NHC UHI.

Entry requirements/criteria

- Three Highers at C or above with one literary subject e.g English, History, Psychology

Additional attributes North Highland College UHI would look for

Some prior knowledge of or an interest in Creative Industries will be advantageous for students undertaking this course.

Students will be expected to -

- Be prepared to work hard all session
- Catch up on work missed if they are absent

- Ask for help if they need it
- Complete weekly homework task
- Submit homework on time
- Complete homework to a high standard
- Revise throughout the session
- Access and use the virtual learning environment

Therefore, the following attributes and skills are important for applicants –

- Motivation for learning
- Commitment to take personal responsibility for learning
- Confidence to ask questions
- Dedication to completing work out with class
- A good level of IT skills
- Independent study skills

What can students do after this course?

On completion students will have the opportunity to continue their development through BA (Hons) Contemporary Film Making in the Highlands and Islands, BA (Hons) Creative and Professional Writing, BA (Hons) Literature and Creative Writing

Additional information on this course for Guidance Teachers

This module will be delivered through Video Conferencing and the use of a virtual learning environment, Blackboard. Pupils will be supported by the Module Leader and will form part of a student group along with the full-time BA (Hons) Contemporary Film Making in the Highlands and Islands students.