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1. **Course Number:** ENL291
Course Title: Selected Topics in Writing
2. **Description:** Selected Topics in Writing provides students the opportunity to explore and practice extensive writing within a writing specialty. Topics may include, among others, writing about photography, writing feature stories, writing commentary and opinion, writing about sports, writing poetry, or writing for children. The course is writing intensive. Specific content will depend on the specialty chosen.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
 - Compose texts according to the conventions and techniques of the genre
 - Trace the history of the selected genre
 - Analyze and write to the point of view and context of the target audience
 - Engage in sustained inquiry leading to class presentations and discussions
 - Make associations between the writing they produce and our complex world
4. **Credits:** 3 credits; may be repeated once for credit.
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** No
6. **Prerequisite:** ENL102
7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Varies
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** The final grade will be based on written homework (processed in appropriate format), class discussion and participation, semester portfolio, as well as objective and/or essay exams. Student work will be judged on clarity, depth of understanding and knowledge, sound thinking, critical evaluation of source materials, appropriate, effective and correct expression in both written and oral communication. This is a rigorous reading/writing course. Each student will produce 10,000 words minimum.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**
 - History of Genre
 - Characteristics and Techniques related to the genre
 - Target Audience
 - Cultural Setting
 - Publishing market for the genre