

# Creative Writing Workshop

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Are you a writer who would like to write with others in English? Maybe you have always wanted to try writing and haven't had the time or known how to begin. Or maybe you know that spending more time writing in English will advance your language skills. It could be that you are preparing to be a teacher and would like to gather ideas for how to guide your future students through the writing process. Regardless of your reasons, you are welcome to join the Creative Writing Workshop.

The Creative Writing Workshop aims to offer a supportive, stimulating, and inspiring atmosphere where participants will write fiction and discuss topics pertinent to its production, including:

- What makes a character compelling and sympathetic and how do we draw characters that readers will want to spend time with?
- What settings do we enjoy entering in literature and how do we make ours irresistible or at least vivid for our readers?
- How does desire lead to conflict and what sorts of conflicts drive the stories we want to tell?

We will explore these ideas and others, as determined by the participants, through writing exercises, discussions, and giving and receiving feedback on each others' writing. Based on the interests of the group, we could plan a reading or literary journal (online or in print) to showcase the work produced.

## The Quick and Dirty

**Who:** FAU students who are interested in creative writing in English (students at any level: BA, MA, PhD; from any faculty: Technical, Natural Science, Humanities, Law, and Medicine)

**When:** Four Mondays: April 23, May 14, June 4, and June 25 from 16:00-18:00

**Where:** Erlangen, Bismarckstraße 1a, 00.021.

**Why:** To write in English, to learn about writing in English, to expand English language skills, to express creative ideas through writing ...

This workshop will be co-facilitated by:

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