

Final Portfolio Guidelines
English 210: Introduction to Creative Writing
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Instead of a final exam, your final assignment in this class will be your portfolio. The portfolio will include all of your work from this semester, your work that displays development throughout the semester, and some finalized drafts of your pieces. This is your way to showcase your work from this semester.

To break it down, you will be responsible for including the following in your portfolio:

- 10 pages of writing as complete as you can make them. This should include final drafts of at least 2 poems and 1 five-page story.
- At least two drafts leading up to the final pages of work. 1 first draft (the pages with my comments on them that you have turned in), and 1 intermediate draft.
- Copies of workshop letters (with my comments on them)
- The reading response paper (if you have not already submitted it)
- A self-assessment (this should be a 2-page long assessment of the goals you set for yourself in this class and how you succeeded in fulfilling them; what are your strengths and weaknesses as a writer? How did they change?)
- Your journal
- A cover sheet with a check-off box for each part of the portfolio, signed I DO/I DO NOT want written comments on my work.

****Please include ALL drafts of your writing that have my comments on them****

For the 10 pages of writing as complete as you can make them – you may pick from the exercises that we have done in class, the poems that you have written for me from earlier in the semester, the stories that you have written, and the story that you will expand to 5 pages.

Writing is a process. I am looking to see how far you can push yourself with these pieces. I am looking to see how you take into consideration my comments for revision and your peers' comments for revision. If you disagree with comments you have received, that's ok, even likely. I do, however, expect to see that you have spent time with your writing and consider how to make your stories and poems the best that they can be. The exercises we have done in class are good starting points, and this is just the beginning, take these foundations and start to create something that you can really be passionate about.