

Reflections on Skills learned from Creative Writing

In response to the open-ended question, 'In what way are creative writing skills related to other modules you are studying?', indicative responses are as follows.

3.2.1 Links to specific courses and areas of literature

"Basic language skills are always useful – understanding the writing (e.g. for Poetry) The process helps with the analysis of [poetry]."

"Writing poetry in strict form gives insight when analysing other works (poetry module)."

"Poetry – learning how to write in set form"

"It has helped to analyse poetry in terms of form and helped me with my ability to write poetry."

"Poetry linked to the course because we tried to write our own."

"Poetry and Society – It has helped me to write more expressively. Therefore, I can read into underlying factors in poetry."

"The work on poetic forms in this module has helped my knowledge of forms studied in the poetry module."

"Poetry and Society – It has helped me to recognise different forms that poems are written in."

"Poetry and creative writing link well because creative writing enables me to produce and get feedback on forms studied in poetry."

"Poetry – writing is easier, useful tips for analysing poems."

"More analysis of poem format."

"Form and technique – Poetry and Society. General confidence in written work – Intro to the Novel."

"Understanding the process of writing poetry helps to analyse it (poetry module) more effectively. And also for prose (module on novel)"

"Poetry Meter/rhythm, drafting and editing."

"Drama – writing for voice, personal pitch, rhythm, and pace."

"Looking at drama, poetry and literature, understanding it better. Drama – has really opened my eyes – in poetry I can see different angles – and looking at how I can be more critical and not take it at face value."

3.2.2. Writing ability in general

“You are a lot more aware of how to change your writing to make the point you want”.

“Helped me express my points clearly and fluently”

“Has helped me form a base for my subjects, so my work is of a higher standard.”

“Useful for essay writing, more confident in my written work. Group work and sharing creative writing with others made me more confident”.

“I find I can structure my essays for other subjects with more clarity.”

“The drafting and editing process learnt in creative writing, I have been able to apply to my other essays and this has helped, improved the overall standard.”

“Many ways, including punctuation, reason behind aspects of work etc etc etc”

3.2.3. Editing and drafting skills

“The drafting process mainly; allows you to re-write the piece completely different. Perhaps even re-working some ideas from scratch which weren't written in the first draft.”

“Re-drafting in all of them.”

“Allows for better drafting and editing of work.”