Required Materials:
- *Earth Took of Earth: 100 Great Poems of the English Language*, edited by Jorie Graham
- Writing notebook

Course Description:
We will creatively and critically engage poems written by established poets, your peers, and yourself. The goal of this class is to discover how we digest ourselves and our experiences into poems. And we’ll have fun.

Learning Outcomes:
- Acquire foundational skills in reading and discussing poetry
- Practice the art of writing and revising poetry
- Learn to constructively critique poetry

Absences and Lateness Policy:
The standard policy is that more than two unexcused absences in a fourteen-week term may result in a lower final grade, or a grade of “no credit.” The third and fourth absences will drop your final grade by ten percent (10%) each. Your fifth absence will result in an F in the class. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class—please arrive on time and stay until dismissal. If there is an emergency, please speak to me about it as soon as you can.

Grading Breakdown:
- 30% class participation
- 20% weekly poetry (notebook with responses to writing prompts)
- 20% final portfolio & recitation (collection of final poems and reading of one)
- 15% annotations (informal responses to the reading assignments)
- 5% poem memorization & recitation

Grading Policy: Students enrolled in CRWR 211 are graded by the traditional letter grade A, B, C, D, F or are given NC for no credit. The NC grade does not affect grade point average. It is reserved for students who have worked unusually hard, attended class regularly and completed all assignments but whose skills are not at a passing level at the end of the semester.
**Students with Disabilities**: Qualified students with disabilities will receive appropriate accommodations in this course. Please speak with me privately after class or in my office. Please be prepared to provide a letter from your DSS Coordinator.

**Late Work**: Late work is not accepted and will not be graded. If you know you are going to be absent, contact me to see what you will be missing and what will be due when.

**Scholastic Dishonesty**: Plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty—in as much as they keep the individual student as well as the collective community from learning—will result in an automatic F and may entail a variety of other sanctions up to and including expulsion from the University.