

MAJOR IN ENGLISH, CREATIVE WRITING CONCENTRATION



Do you enjoy writing stories, poetry, or creative nonfiction? The Creative Writing concentration gives students the opportunity to strengthen their creative writing skills. Beginning, intermediate, and advanced courses centered on craft infuse students' writing and reading skills with imagination. Intermediate and advanced courses are primarily workshop classes in which students read and discuss one another's work, offering experience in problem-solving, collaborative discovery, and the development of an individual voice. Students in the Creative Writing concentration also take a variety of English and literature courses that prepare them to be writers by instructing them in literary traditions and styles. An internship program for all English majors offers Creative Writing students positions that may lead to employment in fields ranging from writing, publishing, communications, and education to the social sciences, computer science, healthcare, and industry.

Learning Objectives

Creative Writing students will complete the learning objectives set for all English majors, plus one that is specific to this concentration:

1. Critically analyze varied texts, individually and in community, informed by the methods employed in English studies.
2. Examine how texts are created and interact with local and global systems.
3. Craft written work informed by the genres and methods in English studies and adapted to audience and context.
4. Inquire into and demonstrate intellectual growth in the disciplines of English.

Plus:

5. Create original creative works of poetry, fiction, and/or creative nonfiction that demonstrate an understanding of the traditions, structures, styles, and techniques of the relevant genre.

Where can Creative Writing take you?

The Creative Writing concentration is a gateway to a wide range of careers where clear language, compelling communication, and proficient analytical thinking are key. Creative writers can be found in law,

technology, education, the arts, healthcare, environmental sciences, and of course publishing. Here are just some of the paths recent graduates have taken:

- Graduate School in English and/or Creative Writing
- K-12 English Language Arts Teacher
- Curriculum and Materials Developer
- Bookseller
- Law School
- Content Strategist
- Grant Writer
- Foreign Service
- Forest Service Ranger
- Managing Editor
- Published Author