

# BACHELOR OF ARTS ENGLISH: CREATIVE WRITING

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Students take the introductory course ENGL 2251 Introduction to Literary Study to develop skills needed for advanced literary analysis. They further develop this literary focus by taking one survey class each in British and American literature, as well as choosing from a variety of literature electives. The heart of the Creative Writing Program are the writing classes in both Journalism and English. The Journalism classes focus on writing online content for websites or blogs, while the traditional creative writing classes focus on particular genres, including fiction, poetry, and non-fiction. At the end of the program, each student will take a Capstone course in a chosen genre, reading extensively in that genre, and preparing a portfolio of work. Creative writers have opportunities for publication and editing experience with our campus newspaper, *The Columns*, and our literary and art journal, *Whetstone*.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students majoring in English: Creative Writing will be well-placed to apply to Master's of Fine Arts programs specializing in their chosen genre of poetry, fiction, or non-fiction. Additionally, they are good candidates for jobs in new media as writers of scripts for video games, bloggers, and documentarians, as well as in advertising, technical writing, and public relations. Like all graduates of the English program, Creative Writing majors will find their training in critical thinking and writing valuable whether they employ their creative and analytic skills in businesses large and small, or as they pursue publication.

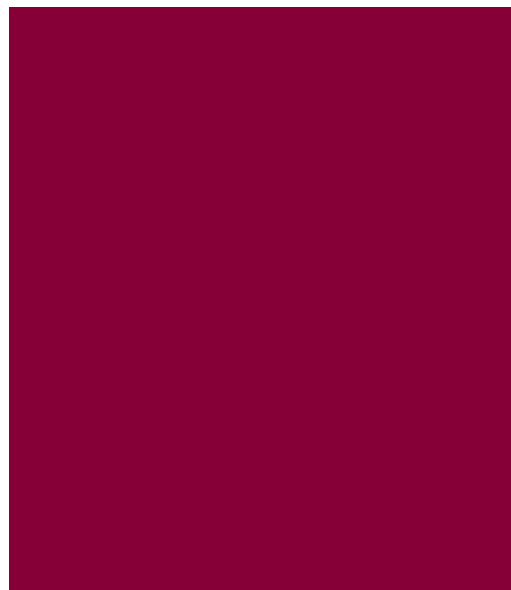


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## CORE Curriculum Requirements

First Year Seminar	1-3 hours
Written Communication	6-7 hours
Oral Communication	3 hours
Mathematics	3-4 hours
Humanities with Critical Thinking	3 hours
Fine Arts with Critical Thinking	2-3 hours
Natural Science with Critical Thinking	4-5 hours
Social Science with Critical Thinking	3 hours
Citizenship	3 hours
Global Aware./Fitness&Wellness/Tech	2-3 hours

## Foundation Courses: 6 credit hours

ENGL 2220 World Literature I	3 hours
ENGL 2221 World Literature II	3 hours

## Major Courses: 15 credit hours

ENGL 2251 Introduction to Literary Studies	3 hours
ENGL 3301 Theories of Language I	3 hours
ENGL 3303 Survey of Amer Literature I	3 hours
OR	
ENGL 3304 Survey of Amer Literature II	3 hours
ENGL 3313 Survey of British Literature I	3 hours
OR	
ENGL 3314 Survey of British Literature II	3 hours
ENGL 3374 Shakespeare	3 hours

## Creative Writing Concentration: 18 credit hours

ENGL 3332 Narrative and Descriptive Writing	3 hours
ENGL 3333 Writing Non-Fiction	3 hours
ENGL 3344 Writing Poetry	3 hours
ENGL 3345 Writing Fiction	3 hours
JOUR 3330 Writing for Multimedia	3 hours
OR	
JOUR 3350 Journalism and Social Media	3 hours
ENGL 4401 Creative Writing Capstone	3 hours

## Creative Writing Electives: 9 credit hours

Must choose one course from each of the following categories:

- American Literature
- Study of Genre
- Studies in Literature and Culture

Note: This model schedule is a suggested course sequence & is meant to be used as a guide. Students should check the Undergraduate Catalog for their entrance year into Fairmont State University (or any subsequent catalog) to learn more about the graduation requirements for their major.

## Sample Schedule

Students must successfully complete 120 hours for the degree. Schedules vary based on course availability, semester student enters program, and any courses already completed.

First Year, 1st Semester	First Year, 2nd Semester
CORE 1st Year Seminar CORE ENGL 1101 CORE Fine Arts CORE Social Science FREN/SPAN 1101	CORE ENGL 1102 ENGL 2251 CORE Mathematics CORE Communication FREN/SPAN 1102
Second Year, 1st Semester	Second Year, 2nd Semester
ENGL 2220 CORE Natural Science CORE Citizenship ENGL 3301 FREN/SPAN 2201	ENGL 2221 ENGL 3303 OR 3304 ENGL 3332 FREN/SPAN 2202 Free Elective
Third Year, 1st Semester	Third Year, 2nd Semester
ENGL 3313 OR 3314 ENGL 3333 ENGL American Elective JOUR 3330 OR 3350 Minor	ENGL 3345 ENGL 3344 Minor Minor
Fourth Year, 1st Semester	Fourth Year, 2nd Semester
ENGL Genre Elective ENGL Lit. Elective Minor Minor Free Elective	ENGL 3374 ENGL 4401 Minor/ Free Elective Minor/ Free Elective

\*These courses are suggested because they fulfill the core requirement and a requirement for the major, and thus enable English majors to fill two requirements with one course. However, one is not required to take these specific courses to fulfill core requirements, which can be met by any course in the approved core curriculum course menu.



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