

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 his or her 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, our yearbook, The Mound, 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 hour
Written Communication	6-7 hours
Oral Communication	3 hours
Mathematics	3-4 hours
Humanities with Critical Thinking	3 hours
Fine Arts with Critical Thinking	3 hours
Natural Science with Critical Thinking	3-5 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 American Literature I	3 hours
OR		
ENGL 3304	Survey of American Literature I	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

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 CORE 1st Year Seminar CORE ENGL 1101 ENGL 2251 FREN/SPAN 1101 CORE Fine Arts CORE Social Science	First Year, 2nd Semester CORE ENGL 1102 CORE Mathematics CORE Communication CORE Citizenship FREN/SPAN 1102
Second Year, 1st Semester CORE ENGL 2221 ENGL 3301 ENGL 3332 FREN/SPAN 2201 CORE Natural Science	Second Year, 2nd Semester ENGL 2220 ENGL 3304 OR 3314 ENGL 3333 OR 3344 CORE FREN/SPAN 2202 Free Elective
Third Year, 1st Semester ENGL 3313 OR 3303 ENGL British Elective JOUR 3330 OR 3350 Minor Minor	Third Year, 2nd Semester ENGL 3345 ENGL American Elective ENGL 3333 OR 3344 Minor Minor
Fourth Year, 1st Semester ENGL Genre Elective ENGL Lit. Elective Minor Minor Free Elective	Fourth Year, 2nd Semester ENGL 3374 ENGL 4401 ENGL 4491/JOUR 3343 Minor/ Free Elective Minor/ Free Elective

Creative Writing Minor: 21 credit hours

This is not open to English Majors. Students are encouraged to take ENGL 2220 or ENGL 2221 as part of their CORE requirements.

Required Courses: 15 credit hours

Any five courses from list in Academic Catalog.

Elective Groups: 6 credit hours

Choose 6 hours from three elective groups.

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.



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