

Creative Writing (MFA)

Admission to the Program

Applicants must meet the minimum university requirements for graduate study. Applications from candidates who have majored in any undergraduate field will be considered, though a major in literature is desirable. Admission is based on samples of previous writing (25 pages of prose or 15 pages of poetry), academic record, and two letters of recommendation.

Degree Requirements

- 36 credit hours of approved graduate work
- Capstone Experience: 3 credit hours of [LIT-797 Master's Thesis Seminar](#) resulting in a book-length manuscript of fiction, poetry, or nonfiction approved by the creative writing faculty after an oral examination on its merits, characteristics, and relations to the works of others

Course Requirements

Writing Workshops (12 credit hours)

Complete 12 credit hours from the following:

Note: Students may concentrate on one genre or work in several.

LIT 700 Advanced Fiction Workshop	3
LIT 701 Advanced Poetry Workshop	3
LIT 704 Advanced Creative Nonfiction Workshop	3

Craft (6 credit hours)

Complete 6 credit hours from the following:

LIT 705 Seminar on Translation	3
LIT 710 The Art of Literary Journalism	3
LIT 711 Advanced Studies in Literary Craft	3

Literature (6 credit hours)

Complete 6 credit hours from the following:

LIT 608 Studies in Genre	3
LIT 611 Literary Editing and Publishing	3
LIT 622 Advanced Studies in Contemporary Literature	3
LIT 634 Advanced Studies in Medieval and Early Modern Literature	3
LIT 635 Advanced Studies in African American Literature	3
LIT 637 Advanced Studies in Restoration and Eighteenth Century Literature	3
LIT 640 Advanced Studies in Nineteenth Century Literature	3
LIT 643 Advanced Studies in Twentieth Century Literature	3
LIT 646 Advanced Studies in Film	3
LIT 656 Advanced Studies in Form	3
LIT 667 Advanced Studies in World Literature	3
LIT 668 Global Texts, Global Convergences	3
LIT 681 Advanced Studies in Culture	3
LIT 682 Emotions, Texts, and Subtexts	3
LIT 683 Technological Imaginations: Past, Present, and Future	3
LIT 690 Independent Study Project in Literature [Right] (3 credit hours required)	1
LIT 691 Graduate Internship [Right] (3 credit hours required)	1
LIT 696 Selected Topics: Non-Recurring	1
LIT 730 Teaching Composition	3
LIT 731 Teaching of Writing Practicum	3
LIT 733 Special Topics in Literature	3
LIT 736 Seminar in Eighteenth Century Literature	3
LIT 738 Seminar in Twentieth Century Literature	3
WRT 610 Technical Writing and Rhetoric	3

Electives (9 credit hours)

Complete 9 credit hours from the following, if not taken to fulfill Writing Workshop or Literature requirement above, with no more than 3 credit hours from LIT-700, LIT-701, or LIT-704:

COMM 560 Backpack Documentary	3
COMM 602 Digital Media Literacy and Skills	3
LIT 608 Studies in Genre	3
LIT 611 Literary Editing and Publishing	3
LIT 622 Advanced Studies in Contemporary Literature	3
LIT 634 Advanced Studies in Medieval and Early Modern Literature	3
LIT 635 Advanced Studies in African American Literature	3
LIT 637 Advanced Studies in Restoration and Eighteenth Century Literature	3
LIT 640 Advanced Studies in Nineteenth Century Literature	3
LIT 643 Advanced Studies in Twentieth Century Literature	3
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LIT 731 Teaching of Writing Practicum	3
LIT 733 Special Topics in Literature	3
LIT 736 Seminar in Eighteenth Century Literature	3
LIT 738 Seminar in Twentieth Century Literature	3
WRT 610 Technical Writing and Rhetoric	3

Thesis (3 credit hours)

LIT 797 Master's Thesis Seminar [Right] (3 credit hours required)	1
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