

CREATIVE WRITING, BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

The program in creative writing seeks to help students develop their creative potential, especially in writing; explore the practical aspects of publishing and getting published; learn a respect for and an understanding of language; appreciate and profit from a study of our common literary heritage; increase their awareness of and empathy for diverse peoples and cultures; discover the relevance of ideas and values found in their reading; and learn to think critically and evaluate wisely.

Creative writing majors are prepared for a variety of careers in advertising, communications, education, government, management, personnel work, public relations, and sales. A degree in creative writing also provides an excellent undergraduate preparation for the student planning to pursue graduate study of business, law, or the humanities.

Curriculum

The degree program in creative writing requires 45 hours in English:

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 2043	Introduction to Creative Writing	3
ENGL 2063	Introduction to Literary Studies	3
ENGL 3043	Literary Editing and Publishing	3
ENGL 3073	Creative Nonfiction Workshop	3
ENGL 3083	Fiction Workshop	3
ENGL 3093	Poetry Workshop	3
ENGL 3313	American Literature to 1900	3
ENGL 3323	Modern American Literature	3
ENGL 3413	British Literature to 1800	3
ENGL 3423	British Literature since 1800	3
ENGL 4093	Seminar in Creative Writing	3
ENGL 4813	Senior Project in Creative Writing	3
English Electives		9
Total Hours		45

The creative writing major must complete two semesters in one foreign language or have completed two years of language study in high school with grades of "C" or better.

Students who plan to use a creative writing degree as a preparation for law school are encouraged to complete some of the following electives in addition to their required courses:

Code	Title	Hours
BLAW 2033	Legal Environment of Business	3
CJ/SOC 2043	Crime and Delinquency	3
CJ/POLS 3023	Judicial Process	3
CJ 4023	Law and the Legal System	3
COMM 2003	Public Speaking	3
COMM 2111/2121	Debate Practicum	1
COMM 4153	Persuasive Theory and Audience Analysis	3
JOUR 4123	Laws of Communication	3
PHIL 3103	Logic	3

POLS 4043	American Constitutional Law	3
PSY 2003	General Psychology	3

The matrix below is a sample plan for all coursework required for this program.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
ENGL 1013	Composition I ¹	3
SS 1XXX	Social Science Courses ¹	6
MATH XXXX	Mathematics ¹	3
Beginning Language I ²		3
TECH 1001	Orientation to the University	1
Hours		16
Spring		
ENGL 1023	Composition II	3
FAH 1XXX	Fine Arts and Humanities Courses ¹	3
SCIL 1XXX	Science with Laboratory ¹	4
Beginning Language II ²		3
Elective ³		3
Hours		16
Sophomore		
Fall		
USHG 1XXX	U.S. History and Government ¹	3
FAH 1XXX	Fine Arts and Humanities Courses ¹	3
SCIL 1XXX	Science with Laboratory ¹	4
ENGL 2043	Introduction to Creative Writing	3
ENGL 2063	Introduction to Literary Studies	3
Hours		16
Spring		
SFHS 1XXX	Social Sciences/Fine Arts/Humanities/Communication Courses ¹	3
ENGL 3043	Literary Editing and Publishing	3
English Elective ⁴		6
Elective ³		3
Hours		15
Junior		
Fall		
ENGL 3073	Creative Nonfiction Workshop	3
ENGL 3093	Poetry Workshop	3
ENGL 3313	American Literature to 1900	3
ENGL 3413	British Literature to 1800	3
Elective ³		3
Hours		15
Spring		
ENGL 3083	Fiction Workshop	3
ENGL 3323	Modern American Literature	3
ENGL 3423	British Literature since 1800	3
Elective ³		6
Hours		15
Senior		
Fall		
ENGL 4093	Seminar in Creative Writing	3
English Elective ^{3,5}		3
Elective ^{3,5}		9
Hours		15
Spring		
ENGL 4813	Senior Project in Creative Writing	3

Elective ^{3,5}	9
Hours	12
Total Hours	120

- ¹ See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.atu.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>)".
- ² All minimum college hours (at least two semesters) should be in one language. Students with previous study in a foreign language should refer to Foreign Language Advanced Placement and Credit under Credit by Examination. Students may waive three hours of language requirements for every one year of language study in high school with grades of "C" or better.
- ³ At least 40 of the 120 hours required for graduation must be earned in 3000-4000 level courses.
- ⁴ Any 2-4000 level English courses excluding ENGL 2003 Introduction to World Literature, ENGL 2013 Introduction to American Literature, ENGL 2173 Introduction to Film/ JOUR 2173 Introduction to Film , ENGL 2881 Practicum-Literary Journal Publication, and ENGL 4881 Practicum-Editing Literary Journal -4.
- ⁵ Seniors admitted to the Accelerated BA in Creative Writing to MA in English Program can substitute twelve (12) hours of the following courses as electives: ENGL 5023 Second Language Acquisition, ENGL 5083 Seminar: English Language, ENGL 5093 Seminar in Creative Writing, ENGL 5103 Literary Theory, ENGL 5173 Seminar in Film Studies, ENGL 5213 American Folklore, ENGL 5283 Seminar: World Literature, ENGL 5383 Seminar: American Literature, ENGL 5483 Seminar: British Literature, ENGL 5683 Seminar in Gender Studies, ENGL 5703 Teaching English as a Second Language, ENGL 5713 ESL Assessment, ENGL 5723 Teaching People of Other Cultures.