

Creative Writing (ENCW)

Courses required for the first year: None
Courses recommended for the first year: 1- 2xx ENCW class and/or 1 2xx ENGL class
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The Major in Creative Writing

30 credits, including one 2xx level ENGL class, two 2xx level ENCW classes, three 3xx level ENCW classes, one ENCW or ENGL elective at the 2xx level or higher, a 0-credit internship (may be completed by working one year on Saga, taking ENCW 300: Book Publishing, or completing a community internship with faculty supervision and creative writing faculty approval), and Senior Inquiry (ENCW 490).

Notes: All Creative Writing majors will get a PA by completing the major and will also *likely* earn a PL, PH or PP as part of their major coursework.

Required Courses

	Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective / Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
Take 1 ENGL class	ENGL		May carry a PL, PP, PH, D or G			4
Take 2 2xx ENCW classes	ENCW 201	Writing Poetry	PA		F, SP	4
	ENCW 202	Writing Fiction	PA		F, SP	4
	ENCW 203	Writing Creative Non-Fiction	PA		F, SP	4
	ENCW 204	Screenwriting	PA		J	4
Take 3 3xx ENCW classes	ENCW 300	Literary Residency			J	4
	ENCW 301	Poetry Workshop		ENCW 201	SP	4
	ENCW 302	Fiction Workshop		ENCW 202	F	4
	ENCW 303	Creative Non-Fiction Workshop		ENCW 202 or 203		4
	ENCW 304	Screenwriting Workshop			SP	4
	ENCW 350	Digital Travel Writing			J	4
	ENCW 400	SI			SP	2

The Minor in Creative Writing

20 credits, including three classes from ENCW (at least one of which must be at the 300 level) and two classes from ENGL (at least one of which must be at the 300 level).

Notes: All Creative Writing minors will get a PA by completing the minor and will also *likely* earn a PL, PH or PP as part of their minor coursework.

Required Courses

	Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective / Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
Take 2 ENGL classes	ENGL		May carry a PL, PP, PH, D or G			4
Take 3 ENCW classes Note: 1 must be at from 3xx	ENCW 201	Writing Poetry	PA		F, SP	4
	ENCW 202	Writing Fiction	PA		F, SP	4
	ENCW 203	Writing Creative Non-Fiction	PA		F, SP	4
	ENCW 204	Screenwriting	PA		J	4
	ENCW 300	Literary Residency			J	4
	ENCW 301	Poetry Workshop		ENCW 201	SP	4
	ENCW 302	Fiction Workshop		ENCW 202	F	4
	ENCW 303	Creative Non-Fiction Workshop		ENCW 202 or 203		4
	ENCW 304	Screenwriting Workshop			SP	4
	ENCW 350	Digital Travel Writing			J	4
	ENCW 400	SI			SP	2

Major Overview

Creative Writing majors pursue a wide range of career paths including marketing, publishing, technical writing, freelance writing, web writing, professional writing, and many, many others.

Creative Writing majors have an internship requirement, which may be fulfilled by completing an internship (e.g., the River Readings internship, publishing internships in New York or Denver, internships at the Midwest Writing Center, Putnam Museum, Quad-Cities Arts, etc.), by working on SAGA, or by taking ENGL 300: Book Publishing. The internship requirement is usually undertaken in students' sophomore, junior, or senior years.

During J-Term, Creative Writing majors may be interested in taking ENCW 300: Literary Residency, wherein they will have the chance to work on a project of their own choosing. Creative Writing students might also be advised to consider the department's (optional) J-Term study away options, offered in Mexico, England, Ireland, and Paris.

*Fall, J term, Spring, Summer; see [Academic Calendar](#) for specific dates

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