

Composition, Certificate of Adv. Study

DEPARTMENT

Department of English

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MN in English, Minor
MA in English - Literature Option, M.A.
MFA in Creative Writing, M.F.A.
MN in Creative Writing, Minor
BA in English - English Education Option, B.A.
MA in English-Rhetoric and Writing Studies Option, M.A.
BA in English - Creative Writing Option, B.A.
BA in English - Literature Option, B.A.
CERT in Composition, Certificate of Adv. Study
CRED in Single Subject Credential - English
Courses Offered

Certificate of Special Study in Creative Writing

English is a general major or minor designed to give proficiency in skills that traditionally have been among the most highly prized by society: an ability to read with comprehension and critical judgment; to communicate accurately and clearly both orally and in writing; to grasp difficult ideas and think logically; to do research and organize materials; to make ethical and moral judgments from an historical and humanistic framework; and to appreciate literature and the arts.

The core of the English major consists of four basic kinds of courses in the upper division: literary history courses, literary genre courses, literacy seminars, and writing courses. The masterpiece courses apply to the minor and may meet General Education requirements. The department also offers courses in mythology and folklore, methods of research, film, and women's studies.

The Subject Matter Program for teaching credential candidates contains a number of specific prerequisites and special required courses, some of which are outside the Department of English. For specific program requirements, consult with the credential adviser each semester.

Please note: The Composition Theory Option has been suspended as of May 2015.

REQUIREMENTS

Certificate of Advanced Study in Composition

The Certificate in Composition is a postbaccalaureate course of study in the theory and pedagogy of teaching writing. It is designed for Valley classroom teachers, those considering doctoral study in English, candidates for the M.A. in English, and community college teachers.

ENGL 270 (4 units)

ENGL 281 (4 units)

Electives (LING 237, 244, 251; COMM 214; ENGL 265 or other electives approved by graduate adviser. Some of the courses may have prerequisites) (6-8 units)

Total (14-16 units)

The student must earn a grade of B or better in all certificate of advanced study coursework. Students who fail to earn at least a B in a course may repeat it for an improved grade. Please note that grade substitution is not permitted at the graduate level and that a GPA of at least 3.0 must be accumulated for certificate of advanced study coursework.

FACULTY

The English Department consists of 26 full-time faculty whose teaching fields cover every area of literary studies and the humanities, including film and folklore. Most of the faculty have published books, textbooks, and articles in their disciplines, five have received outstanding teaching awards at the university, and one has received an outstanding teaching award for the entire CSU system. In addition, the faculty includes a number of lecturers, part-time instructors and teaching assistants, and the department operates an English writing lab staffed by tutors trained to work with students on an individual basis.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.