

Creative Writing, Minor

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

Creative Writing Minor

The Creative Writing Minor offers substantial training for students wishing to supplement their major area work, prepare themselves better for graduate work, prepare for classroom teaching and other fields, or who simply have an interest in the art of literary writing. The Creative Writing Minor requires 20 units, at least 12 of which must be upper-division units. Courses taken as CR/NC may not apply to the minor.

Lower Division

ENGL 41, 43, or 44 (4-8 units)
(Select a minimum of one course; transferrable credit acceptable)

Upper Division

ENGL 161, 163, or 164 (8-12 units)
(Select a minimum of two courses; if lower division was transferred, select three courses. Each course may be repeated one time.)

Literature

Select one: ENGL 101, 102, or 103 (4 units)

Total (20 units)

Note: The English Minor also requires a 2.0 GPA and 8 upper-division units in residence. Prerequisites for courses may be waived only with permission of adviser and specific course instructor on the basis of an adequate writing sample.

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.