

English - Creative Writing Option, B.A.

DEPARTMENT

Department of English

Kathleen Godfrey, Chair
Peters Business Building, Room 382
559.278.2553
FAX: 559.278.7143
www.fresnostate.edu/english/

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

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

English Major - Creative Writing Option

Each student seeking a Bachelor of Arts with a major in English must fulfill the lower-division core, upper-division core, and all requirements listed under the English major degree option. Students also must fulfill the university's General Education requirements (49 units). The English Department requires two college-level courses in the same foreign language for all English major degree options.

1. Major requirements (48 units)

Lower-division core (8 units)

Select one: ENGL 21, ENGL 70

Select one: ENGL 30, 31, 32

Upper-division core (20 units)

ENGL 105

Diversity course (select one): ENGL 112, 113, 114, 141, 142, 143, 144, 173, 178, or 179
Elective (select any upper-division English course)
ENGL 193T or 194T
ENGL 195 (4 units) or 196 (4 units)

Creative Writing Option (20 units)

Choose three (repeatable) courses: ENGL 161, 163, 164
ENGL 165 and ENGL 166

2. General Education requirements (49 units)

3. Other requirements (6 units)

Upper-division writing and Multicultural and International (MI)

4. Sufficient elective units to meet required total units (varies)

(See Degree Requirements); may be used toward a double major or minor

5. Total units (120)*

* G.E. and MI courses can be double-counted with major requirements. The writing requirement may be met by taking the upper-division writing exam. See advisor for details.

Advising Notes

1. A single course may fulfill the requirement in more than one of the above content categories, with approval of the program advisor, but will not reduce the number of total units required for the major.
2. CR/NC grading is not permitted in the English major with the exception of 4 units total of ENGL 175T and 186.
3. General Education and elective units may be used toward a double major or minor (see double major or departmental minor). Consult the appropriate department chair, program coordinator, or faculty advisor for further information.
4. English majors considering eventual graduate degrees should consult the graduate advisor.

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.