Creative Writing (BA)

This program is offered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences/English Department and is only available at the St. Louis main campus.

Program Description

The student with a major in creative writing takes courses in fiction, poetry, drama, creative nonfiction, and translation, as well as selected literature courses. We also offer a minor in creative writing.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Read as a writer, understanding and analyzing a range of literary strategies, such as language, voice, and form.
- Produce accomplished creative work that demonstrates a command of literary strategies in fiction, poetry, drama, and other literary genres.

Degree Requirements

For information on the general requirements for a degree, see Baccalaureate Degree Requirements under the Academic Policies and Information section of this catalog.

- 36 required credit hours
- 3 international language requirement credit hours
- · Applicable University Global Citizenship Program hours
- Electives

English courses completed with a grade lower than C- do not count toward fulfilling the specific course requirements of the major.

At least 21 credit hours within the major must be completed at Webster University.

International Language Requirement

- A minimum of three hours in a non-native language is required in addition to the requirements for the major.
 Courses used toward the international language requirement may also be used to fulfill general education requirements or a major/minor in a foreign language.
- Transfer students who have completed their 3 credits at an institution of higher education are considered to have fulfilled the requirement, as are students who have scored a "3" or higher on an Advanced Placement exam in a non-native language.
- For students whose native language is not English, a passing grade on the TOEFL will count as their foreign language requirement. Students who are from bilingual families but have no evidence of academic study of the second language on a transcript will need to take one course.

Curriculum

The 36 credit hours required for the creative writing major include the following:

Core Courses (12 hours)

- ENGL 1900 Introductory Seminar in Literary Analysis (3 hours)
- ENGL 2020 British Literature I (3 hours)
- ENGL 2030 British Literature II (3 hours)
- ENGL 2050 U.S. Literature (3 hours)
- ENGL 4600 Portfolio Review (0 hours)

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- ENGL 2150 Creative Writing: Poetry* (3 hours)
- ENGL 2160 Creative Writing: Fiction* (3 hours)
- ENGL 2170 Creative Writing: Playwriting* (3 hours)
- ENGL 2180 Creative Writing: Nonfiction* (3 hours)
- ENGL 2190 Creative Writing: Translation* (3 hours)
- ENGL 4400 Advanced Creative Writing** (1-3 hours)

3 hours from the following list:

- ENGL 3030 Topics in Poetry (3 hours)
- ENGL 3040 Topics in Fiction (3 hours)
- ENGL 3050 Topics in Drama (3 hours)

6 hours from the following list:

- ENGL 3100 Modern Drama (3 hours)
- ENGL 3130 Contemporary Drama (3 hours)
- ENGL 3140 Women and Literature (3 hours)
- ENGL 3190 Comedy and Satire (3 hours)
- ENGL 3210 Tragic Themes (3 hours)
- ENGL 3300 20th Century American Poetry (3 hours)
- ENGL 3450 History of the Novel (3 hours)
- ENGL 3500 Contexts (1-3 hours)
- ENGL 3900 Myth and Classical Literature (3 hours)
- ENGL 4000 Myth and Modern Literature (3 hours)
- ENGL 4030 Literature of Latin America (3 hours)
- ENGL 4130 Seminar in a Single Author (3 hours)
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