

CREATIVE WRITING MAJOR

Program Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Degree Core Requirements ¹		
<i>Foundational Theories and Content</i>		
ENGL 1004	Books, Libraries, Archives	3
ENGL 1514	Language and Society	3
ENGL 2604	Introduction to Critical Reading	3
ENGL 3324	Acts of Interpretation	3
ENGL 3754	Advanced Writing and Research	3
<i>English and Cross-cultural Representation</i>		
Select two of the following:		6
ENGL 3144	Language and Ethnicity in the United States	
ENGL 3644	The Postcolonial Novel	
ENGL 3654	Ethnic American Literature	
ENGL 3834	Intercultural Issues in Professional Writing	
Subtotal		21
Major Requirements		
<i>Fundamental Coursework</i>		
ENGL 2744	Introduction to Creative Writing	3
ENGL 3704	Creative Writing: Fiction	3
ENGL 3714	Creative Writing: Poetry	3
<i>Modern or Contemporary Literature</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 4504	Modern Poetry	
ENGL 4514	Contemporary Poetry	
ENGL 4664	Contemporary Fiction	
<i>Creative Writing Elective</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 2814	Writing for Podcasts	
ENGL 3315	Playwriting	
ENGL 3724	Creative Writing: Creative Non-fiction	
ENGL 3734	Community Writing	
ENGL 4204	Hybrid Forms	
ENGL 4724	Creative Writing: Fiction for Young People	
<i>Capstone Experience</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 4704	Advanced Creative Writing: Fiction	
ENGL 4714	Advanced Creative Writing: Poetry	
ENGL 3900	Bridge Experience	0
Subtotal		18
Free Electives		
Select 36 hours of Free Electives		36
Subtotal		36
Pathways to General Education		
<i>Pathways Concept 1 - Discourse</i>		
ENGL 1105	First-Year Writing (1F)	3
ENGL 1106	First-Year Writing (1F)	3
Select three credits in Pathway 1a (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G01A)		3

Pathways Concept 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities

Select six credits in Pathway 2 (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G02) 6

Pathways Concept 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences

Select six credits in Pathway 3 (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G03) 6

Pathways Concept 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences

Select six credits in Pathway 4 (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G04) 6

Pathways Concept 5 - Quantitative and Computational Thinking

Select six credits in Pathway 5f (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05F) 6

Select three credits in Pathway 5a (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05A) 3

Pathways Concept 6 - Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts

Select three credits in Pathway 6a (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06A) 3

Select three credits in Pathway 6d (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06D) 3

Pathways Concept 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States

Select three credits in Pathway 7 (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G07) 3

Subtotal 45

Total Credits 120

¹ In accordance with university guidelines, courses satisfying degree core requirements may not be double counted to satisfy other areas of a degree (e.g. Pathways).

Note: All English courses above the 1000-level have as a pre-requisite completion of the First-Year Writing Requirement—i.e., completion of ENGL 1106 First-Year Writing or COMM 1016 Communication Skills.

Satisfactory Progress toward the B.A. in English, Major in Creative Writing

Satisfactory progress toward the B.A. in English, Major in Creative Writing, requires that upon having attempted 72 credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, credit by examination, and course withdrawal), students must have passed 12 of the required credits in the English Core (Section I) and have attained a GPA of 2.0 or better both within the major and overall.

Graduation Requirements

The B.A. in English with a Major in Creative Writing requires 39 hours in English, distributed as follows, and 120 hours overall. In accordance with university guidelines, courses satisfying degree core requirements may not be double counted to satisfy other areas of a degree (e.g. Pathways).

Note: All English courses above the 1000-level have as a pre-requisite completion of the First-Year Writing Requirement — i.e., completion of 1106 or COMM 1016. Some courses required for this major have other pre-requisites/co-requisites and/or enrollment requirements. Please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog or consult your advisor for information about the specific pre-req/co-req or enrollment requirements for a specific course.

In order to graduate, students must complete the degree with a GPA of 2.0 or better both within the Creative Writing Major and overall. All English courses above the 1000-level are factored into the in-major GPA.

Foreign Language Requirements

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- 3 years in high school *or*
- 2 years in high school + an 1106 foreign language (e.g., FR, GR, SPAN) *or*
- Less than 2 years in high school + an 1105-1106 foreign language (e.g., FR, GR, SPAN) grouping.

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