

Creative Writing M.F.A.

Program Requirements

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Minimum Requirements for Creative Writing M.F.A. Degree: 45 credits

Minimum grade of B required for F600-level courses.

Code	Title	Credits
General University Requirements		
Complete the graduate general university requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/#gurmastersdegreestext)		
Master's Degree Requirements		
Complete the master's degree requirements. (https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/#masteroffinearts)		
Creative Writing Program Requirements		
Complete and pass a written comprehensive examination ¹		
Students may advance to candidacy when their advisory committee deems that they have made satisfactory progress in both academic and writing areas.		
Complete the following:		
ENGL F601	Theory, Criticism and Methods ²	3
ENGL F671	Writers' Workshop	9
ENGL F699	Thesis	6
Approved electives ³		6
Complete one of the following:		3
ENGL F685	Teaching College Composition ⁴	
Approved ENGL F600-level elective course ³		
Literature seminars as determined by the student's advisory committee ⁵		12
Complete four of the following:		
ENGL F603	Studies in British Literature: Old and Middle English	
ENGL F604	Studies in British Literature: Renaissance and 17th-Century	
ENGL F606	Studies in British Literature: Restoration and 18th Century	
ENGL F607	Studies in British Literature: 19th Century	
ENGL F608	Studies in British Literature After 1900	
ENGL F609	Studies in American Literature to 1865	
ENGL F611	Studies in American Literature from 1865-1918	
ENGL F612	Studies in American Literature after 1918	
ENGL F614	Studies in Comparative Literature	
ENGL F615	Contemporary Literature	
ENGL F620	Images of the North	
Or other approved elective		
Complete two of the following:		6
ENGL F681	Forms of Poetry	
ENGL F682	Forms of Fiction	
ENGL F684	Forms of Nonfiction Prose	

ENGL F688	Writing for Film and Television	
Total Credits		45

- ¹ Based on a standardized reading list, the examination is to be taken no later than the student's fourth semester of work. The examination should be held on a Saturday approximately one month into the spring semester.
- ² Students are required to take ENGL F601 in their first year of study.
- ³ A student may petition the Thesis Advisory Committee and the department chair to take up to 6 credit hours of approved individual study (F697) to be applied toward the English M.F.A. electives requirement.
- ⁴ Required if you are a teaching assistant or planning to teach.
- ⁵ A literature class is one that does not have as its primary purpose the training of a student to be a creative writer or to teach composition. Some versions of ENGL F692 and ENGL F693 may meet this criteria.

Admission Requirements

Complete the following admission requirements:

- Submit creative writing sample.

Learning Outcomes

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Learning Outcomes are measurable statements that describe knowledge or skills achieved by students upon completion of the program.

Students graduating from this program will be able to:

- Produce written work in their chosen discipline of a quality that is comparable to material being published in contemporary literary magazines and journals
- Write clearly and engagingly; produce sustained coherent critical writing at an appropriate level of sophistication for graduate study
- Complete program in a timely manner
- Demonstrate adequate preparation to pursue a career in writing, publishing, or (with further study) in an academic career in creative writing or a related field; recognition of own work's strengths and weaknesses; familiarity with the literary marketplace (book and journal); plans and adequate preparation to seek publication
- Consider the graduate program at UAF to be of high quality