

CREATIVE WRITING MAJOR

Degree Requirements

All students are required to complete overall degree requirements in addition to their major. Please see Degree Completion Requirements (<https://catalog.hiram.edu/undergraduate/student-academic-responsibilities-performance/degree-completion-requirements/>) for full details for students entering in the 2022-2023 catalog year.

Those students who started at Hiram prior to the 2022-2023 academic year will follow the Degree Requirements outlined in your catalog of record.

Major Requirements

The major in creative writing requires 13 courses which allow students to explore their talent as writers of poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction or screenplays. The major places emphasis on reading, craft and technique, genre study, workshops, and revision. Although the major requires exposure to multiple genres, the 40000-level advanced workshops offer students an opportunity to concentrate on forms of their choosing and to begin to specialize. The creative writing sequence ensures the development of writers, helping students learn about writing professions and translate their experience to careers. The major emphasizes literary writing and encourages emerging writers to engage with literary tradition. This degree is one of very few creative writing majors in the state of Ohio.

Code	Title	Hours
Introductory Course in Creative Writing		
WRIT 22100	BASICS OF CREATIVE WRITING:CM (prerequisite to all other writing courses)	3
Genre Courses in Writing		
Select three of the following: ¹		12
WRIT 30400	CRAFT & TECH: POETRY:CM	
WRIT 30500	CRAFT&TECH:CREATIVE NONFIC:CM	
WRIT 30600	CRAFT & TECH: FICTION:CM	
WRIT 30900	CRAFT & TECH: SCREENWRITING:CM	
Electives in Writing ²		
Select two of the following:		6-8
Students may choose electives by taking additional 30000-level genre courses and 40000-level advanced workshops listed below, or from the following courses:		
WRIT 20500	STYLE/GRAMMAR FOR WRITERS:CM	
WRIT 21400	WRITING ABOUT NATURE:CM	
WRIT 21500	WRITING ABOUT:CM (topic varies; recent topics include food, cemeteries, and seeing)	
WRIT 24000	SURVEY OF JOURNALISM	
WRIT 24600	SPORTS JOURNALISM	
WRIT 28000	SEM: (Special Topics)	
WRIT 28100	INDEPENDENT STUDY	
WRIT 31200	TECHNICAL WRITING	
WRIT 31300	TEACHING/SUPERVISING WRIT:CM	
WRIT 31800	MEMOIR	
WRIT 32000	PROFESSIONAL EDITING	
WRIT 32100	LITERARY JOURNALISM:CM	
WRIT 33300	RHETORICAL CRITICISM:IM	

WRIT 38000	SEM: (Special Topics)	
WRIT 48100	INDEPENDENT RESEARCH	
WRIT 49800	INTERNSHIP	
Advanced Workshops in Writing		
Select two of the following 40000-level workshops, designed to produce advanced work:		8
WRIT 40400	ADVANCED WORKSHOP IN POETRY	
WRIT 40500	ADVANCED CREATIVE NONFICTION	
WRIT 40600	ADVANCED WORKSHOP IN FICTION	
Senior Capstone		
Students must take the following two capstone courses in the fall of their senior year:		
WRIT 48010	SENIOR SEMINAR PART I	1
WRIT 48000	SENIOR SEMINAR ³	3
Introductory Course in Literature		
ENGL 10600	TELLING STORIES:READING LIT:IM	4
Literature Component		
Select a minimum of two other courses in literature in two of the following:		8
American literature course		
British literature course		
World literature course		
Total Hours		45-47

- Students must have WRIT 22100 BASICS OF CREATIVE WRITING:CM to begin this sequence.
- We recommend that students select electives that complement their professional or academic goals.
- This 3-week course allows students to revise promising work from their portfolio. They must also write a short essay reflecting on their experience as a major in writing. At the end of the course, students will do a public reading.

Foreign Language

A foreign language is not required. Students must complete a foreign language through the 10200-level only if they plan to receive program honors upon graduation.

AP Credit

Students who have received a 4 or 5 on the English Language and Composition Advanced Placement (AP) test receive credit for one of the required elective writing courses in the major. However, the English program encourages students who are considering graduate work to take additional writing courses.

Requirements for Honors in Creative Writing

Program honors are a privilege conferred upon the creative writing program's most outstanding students each year upon completion of the honors requirements. In order to apply for Honors in creative writing, students must complete a foreign language through 10200 and meet the Hiram College Honors GPA requirements (overall GPA of 2.80,

program GPA of 3.60, and a sum of these two GPAs of 6.80). In addition, students must also receive an A or A- in the creative writing capstone course. At that time, students who are eligible for honors are invited to submit an honors application to the creative writing program for further consideration.

Advising

All students majoring in creative writing must have an academic advisor, as either their primary or secondary advisor, in the creative writing program.

Pathway

Course	Title	Hours	Term
First Year			
Fall 12 Week			
ENGL 10600	TELLING STORIES:READING LIT:IM ¹	4	_____
Foreign Language Requirement (for honors only)		4	_____
UCS 10101	FIRST-YEAR ENDURING QUESTIONS	4	_____
Hours		12	
Fall 3 Week			
WRIT 22100	BASICS OF CREATIVE WRITING:CM ¹	3	_____
Hours		3	
Spring 12 Week			
WRIT 3XXXX	Craft and Technique	4	_____
Foreign Language Requirement (for honors only)		4	_____
UCS 20201	ADDRESSING URGENT QUESTIONS	4	_____
Hours		12	
Spring 3 Week			
Hiram Core Requirement (Recommended Core)		3-4	_____
Hours		3-4	
Second Year			
Fall 12 Week			
WRIT 30XXX	Craft and Technique	4	_____
ENGL XXXXX	English Literature Elective	4	_____
Hiram Core Requirement		4	_____
Hours		12	
Fall 3 Week			
WRIT XXXXX	WRIT Elective	3	_____
Hours		3	
Spring 12 Week			
WRIT 3XXXX	Craft and Technique	4	_____
ENGL XXXXX	English Literature Elective	4	_____
Hiram Core Requirement		4	_____
Hours		12	
Spring 3 Week			
Hiram Core Requirement		3-4	_____
Hours		3-4	

Third Year

Fall 12 Week

UCS 30301	URGENT CHALLENGE SEMINAR:TT	4	_____
WRIT 4XXXX	Advanced Workshop	4	_____
Hiram Core Requirement		4	_____
Hours		12	

Fall 3 Week

Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		3-4	_____
Hours		3-4	

Spring 12 Week

ENGL XXXXX	English Literature Elective (if needed)	4	_____
Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		4	_____
Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		4	_____
Hours		12	

Spring 3 Week

WRIT XXXXX	Writing Elective	3	_____
Hours		3	

Fourth Year

Fall 12 Week

WRIT 48010	SENIOR SEMINAR PART I ¹	1	_____
Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		4	_____
Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		4	_____
Hiram Core Requirement		3	_____
Hours		12	

Fall 3 Week

WRIT 48000	SENIOR SEMINAR	3	_____
Hours		3	

Spring 12 Week

WRIT 4XXXX	Advanced Workshop	4	_____
Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		4	_____
Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		4	_____
Hours		12	

Spring 3 Week

Elective, Second Major, Minor Course		3-4	_____
Hours		3-4	

Total Hours 120-124

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"Critical" to timely degree progression.