

LITOWITZ CREATIVE WRITING GRADUATE PROGRAM MFA +MA

Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/>).

Course Requirements

Course	Title
ENGLISH 403-0	Writers' Studies in Literature (three units)
<i>Five 400-level seminars in English</i>	
ENGLISH 410-0	Introduction to Graduate Study
Two 400-level English seminars focusing on pre-1800 literature	
Two 400-level English seminars focusing on post-1800 literature	
<i>One additional graduate seminar at the 300- or 400-level, in English or another department or program.</i> ¹	
<i>Six MFA workshops (ENGLISH 496-0, ENGLISH 497-0, or ENGLISH 498-0)</i>	
Four in the student's home genre	
One in a genre other than the student's home genre	
One in any genre	
ENGLISH 491-0	Editorial Practicum
ENGLISH 571-0	Teaching Creative Writing

¹ May be taken outside the English department with permission of Creative Writing DGS.

Other Degree Requirements

- First Year Review
- Satisfactory completion of an article-length literary critical essay by the late spring of year two. This 20-25 page capstone essay will typically be an expanded version of an essay written for an English Department graduate seminar, revised in response to comments from, and as appropriate in consultation with, the seminar instructor.
- Satisfactory completion of an MFA Thesis: the first draft of a book-length work of original fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, or mixed-genre work.