

# CREATIVE WRITING MAJOR

Students may apply to major in creative writing. Admission to the creative writing major is competitive, based on a manuscript of creative work from ENGLISH 206-0 Reading & Writing Poetry, ENGLISH 207-0 Reading and Writing Fiction, or ENGLISH 208-0 Reading & Writing Creative Non-Fiction. The major offers an apprenticeship in the writing of poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction. A strong literature component and a course in the history and culture of literary production anchor the writing within a context of general literacy.

The department accepts applications to the creative writing major early each spring. First year students may not apply.

Students must also complete the Undergraduate Registration Requirement (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/requirements-policies/undergraduate-registration-requirement/>) and the degree requirements of their home school.

**NOTE: This Catalog describes Weinberg College BA requirements that pertain to students who matriculated at Northwestern after spring quarter 2023. Refer to the Archives (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/archives/>) if you are following BA requirements described in the 2018-2019 through 2022-2023 editions.**

Course	Title
<b>Department Courses (13 units)</b>	
<i>3 introductory courses:</i>	
ENGLISH 206-0	Reading & Writing Poetry
ENGLISH 207-0	Reading and Writing Fiction
ENGLISH 208-0	Reading & Writing Creative Non-Fiction
<i>10 additional courses:</i>	
1 yearlong theory and practice sequence:	
ENGLISH 393-1 & ENGLISH 393-2 & ENGLISH 393-3	Theory and Practice of Poetry and Theory and Practice of Poetry and Theory and Practice of Poetry
or ENGLISH 394-1 & ENGLISH 394-2 & ENGLISH 394-3	Theory & Practice of Fiction and Theory & Practice of Fiction and Theory & Practice of Fiction
or ENGLISH 395-1 & ENGLISH 395-2 & ENGLISH 395-3	Theory and Practice of Creative Nonfiction and Theory and Practice of Creative Nonfiction and Theory and Practice of Creative Nonfiction
ENGLISH 392-0	The Situation of Writing
6 300-level English department literature courses	
At least 2 on works written before 1830	
At least 2 on works written after 1830	
<b>Related Courses (2 units)</b>	
Chosen from fields outside of literature but still related to the student's demonstrated interests within the major	
Selected with the advice and consent of the student's writing major adviser	

## Honors in Creative Writing

Creative writing majors who are completing the yearlong theory and practice sequence in poetry, fiction, or creative nonfiction and who have kept up with their other writing major requirements may apply to the honors program. Applications are submitted early in spring quarter of junior year. Over fall and winter of the senior year, admitted students enroll in ENGLISH 399-0 Independent Study and work one on one with a faculty mentor to complete a significant writing, creative media, or literary translation work (ENGLISH 399-0 does not count toward requirements

for the major). Students whose projects and grades meet department criteria are recommended to the college for graduation with honors. For more information see the director of creative writing or a creative writing adviser, visit the department website, and see Honors in the Major (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#academicoptionstext>).