

## **Creative Writing Concentration Degree Requirements**

Department of English and Literary Arts University of Denver

This concentration is ideal for students who wish to produce original compositions in poetry, fiction, non-fiction, or translation, while being advised and mentored by practicing writers who work in these literary forms. The Creative Writing concentration combines the traditional study of literary texts and critical theory with the praxis of creative literary expression and is ideal for students who plan to seek an MFA in creative writing or Ph.D. in English. Many of our graduates also find work in fields such as media, advertising, public relations, international relations, and business.

*Foundations (1000-level courses): Eight (8) credit hours*

- ENGL 1010: Introductory Topics in English is required for *all* English and Literary Arts majors.
- ENGL 1000: Introduction to Creative Writing is required for all English and Literary Arts majors *who select a concentration in Creative Writing*.
- English and Literary Arts majors may count no more than twelve (12) credit hours of 1000-level ENGL courses toward the major. *This includes ENGL 1010 and 1000.*

*Core Studies (2000-level courses): Sixteen (16) credit hours*

- Eight (8) of these Core Studies credit hours must be 2000-level workshops in poetry and fiction (e.g., ENGL 2001, 2012).

*Advanced Studies (3000-level courses): Eight (8) credit hours*

- Eight (8) credit hours must be taken at the 3000-level.

*Senior Sequence (3000-level): Eight (8) credit hours*

- In addition to the Advanced Studies courses above, English and Literary Arts majors concentrating in Creative Writing concentration must take one Senior Seminar (ENGL 3900) for four (4) credit hours and one 3000-level advanced workshop in either poetry, fiction, or non-fiction for four (4) credit hours.
- Examples of advanced workshops are ENGL 3002, 3011, 3013.

*Elective: 4 credit hours*

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### *Diversity Distribution Requirement*

- All majors must satisfy the department's diversity/distribution requirement, which means that *at least three* of the courses above—twelve (12) credit hours—must include international and/or ethnic literature.
- Please consult the "Current Courses" and "Course Archives" section of the department Portfolio site ([portfolio.du.edu/English](http://portfolio.du.edu/English)) to see if a particular course satisfies this requirement. Many of these courses are also listed in the Bulletin.

### *Additional Notes*

- Reminder: English and Literary Arts majors may not take more than twelve (12) credit hours of ENGL courses at the 1000 level.
- English and Literary Arts majors may not take more than sixty (60) credit hours of ENGL courses.
- In accordance with DU policy, students must earn at least a C- grade in ENGL courses in order for them to count toward the English and Literary Arts major or minor.