

Creative Writing, Undergraduate Certificate

Students earn the Certificate in Creative Writing by completing 18 hours in selected writing courses with a grade point average of 3.0 or better. ~~Twelve of the 18 hours must be taken at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Courses may not be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.~~ The creative writing emphasis focuses the students' effort toward producing original fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction and can include other endeavors, such as publishing, feature writing, and copywriting. The specific requirements for the Creative Writing Emphasis are listed below.

~~Students in the creative writing emphasis produce original fiction or poetry. Courses in creative nonfiction, editing, feature writing and copywriting may also be taken for this emphasis.~~

~~Students should choose courses~~ Courses for the certificate should be chosen with the guidance of the ~~Writing Certificate Coordinator~~ program coordinator. ~~Students electing ENGL 4980~~ If the student elects to complete English 4980 as ~~part~~ one of the courses for the certificate, he or she should meet with the coordinator to arrange make arrangements for the internship.

To receive this certificate, the student must take 18 hours chosen from the courses listed below, ~~including a Capstone course~~ three of which should be creative writing courses. Creative writing courses have a CW designation after the course title in the list below.

~~Select at least two of the following courses (at least one must be a 4000-level course):~~

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~~ENGL 3030~~

~~Improving on the Blank Page: Writing Poetry~~

~~ENGL 3040~~

~~Lying to Tell a Truth: Writing Fiction~~

~~ENGL 4130~~

~~A Machine Made of Words: Writing Your Best Poems~~

~~ENGL 4140~~

~~Polishing Your Stories: Producing a Publishable Short Story~~

ENGL 4895

Editing "Litmag"

2000-Level Courses

No more than two 2000-level courses may count toward the certificate.

ENGL 2020 Introduction to Creative Writing (CW) 3

ENGL 2030 Poetry Writing Jumpstart (CW) 3

ENGL 2040 Fiction Writing Jumpstart (CW) 3

~~ENGL 2330 Poetry: The Greatest Hits 3~~

~~ENGL 2340 Introduction to Drama 3~~

Additional upper-level Creative Writing and Literature Courses

ENGL 3030 Improving on the Blank Page: Writing Poetry (CW) 3

ENGL 3040 Lying to Tell a Truth: Writing Fiction (CW) 3

ENGL 3090 Turning the Kaleidoscope: How We Look at Texts 3

ENGL 3100 Junior-Level Writing 3

~~ENGL 4130 A Machine Made of Words: Writing Your Best Poems 3~~

~~ENGL 4140 Polishing Your Stories: Producing a Publishable Short Story 3~~

ENGL 4130 A Machine Made of Words: Writing Your Best Poems (CW) 3

ENGL 4140 Polishing Your Stories: Producing a Publishable Short Story (CW) 3

ENGL 4150	Creative Non-Fiction (CW)	3
ENGL 4160	Special Topics in Writing (with permission from the Writing Certificate Coordinator)	3
ENGL 4180	Novel Beginnings (CW)	3
ENGL 4890	Writing Internship	3
ENGL 4892	Independent Writing Project (limited availability)	3
ENGL 4895	Editing "Litmag"	3

Professional Writing Courses

Students are encouraged to take at least one professional writing course, but no more than two.

ENGL/MEDIA ST 2080	Advertising Copywriting	3
ENGL/MEDIA ST 3150	Feature Writing	3
ENGL 4162	Writers at Work	3
ENGL 4860	Editing and the Production Process	3

Capstone Course

Students may use ENGL 4895, ENGL 4890, ENGL 4140, or ENGL 4130 as their capstone course. If ENGL 4890 is used, it will be an internship in literary publishing, feature writing, or advertising copywriting. To use ENGL 4130 or ENGL 4140, the student must obtain the teacher's permission and do extra work in the course. The Editing Litmag course, ENGL 4895, may also be used as the final course for this certificate.

~~When the student has completed requirements for the certificate, the coordinator will notify the university registrar and the college from which the student~~

~~will graduate. Upon the student's graduation, completion of the Creative Writing Certificate will be noted on the official transcript and a certificate will be mailed to the student's residence. Students who have graduated before completing the Creative Writing Certificate will receive the certificate in the mail and will have the certificate entered on their official transcripts.~~

Rationale

We are aligning the curriculum for the Creative Writing Certificate with the most recent changes to the undergraduate English department curriculum.