

# Program Change Proposal

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## Creative Writing Certificate

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Students earn the Certificate in Writing by completing 18 hours in selected writing courses with a grade point average of 3.0 or better. ~~The creative writing emphasis focuses the students' efforts toward producing original fiction or poetry and can include other literary endeavors such as writing creative nonfiction, editing, feature writing, and copywriting. The specific requirements for the Creative Writing emphasis are listed below.~~ 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.

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.

~~Courses for the certificate should be chosen~~ Students should choose courses for the certificate with the guidance of the Writing Certificate Coordinator. ~~If the student elects to complete ENGL 4890 as one of the courses for the certificate, he or she should schedule a meeting~~ Students electing English 4890 as part of the certificate should meet with the coordinator to arrange the internship.

To receive this certificate, the student must take 18 hours chosen from the courses listed below.

<b>Select at least two of the following:<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Select at least two of the following courses (at least one must be a 4000-level course):</b>		<b>6</b>
<u>ENGL 3030</u>	Poetry Writing Workshop	
<u>ENGL 3040</u>	Fiction Writing Workshop: Narrative	
<u>ENGL 4130</u>	Advanced Poetry Writing Workshop	
<u>ENGL 4140</u>	Advanced Fiction Writing Workshop	
<u>ENGL 4895</u>	Editing "Litmag"	
2000-level Courses <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Students may take no more than two 2000-level</b>		
<del>ENGL 2030</del>	<del>Beginning Poetry Writing Workshop</del>	<del>3</del>
<u>ENGL 2040</u>	Beginning Fiction Writing	3
<u>ENGL 2330</u>	Introduction To Poetry	3
<u>ENGL 2340</u>	Introduction To Drama	3
Creative Writing <del>and Literature</del> Courses		
<u>ENGL 3030</u>	Poetry Writing Workshop	3
<u>ENGL 3040</u>	Fiction Writing Workshop: Narrative	3

<a href="#">ENGL 3090</a>	Writing about Literature	3
<a href="#">ENGL 3100</a>	Junior-Level Writing	3
<a href="#">ENGL 4130</a>	Advanced Poetry Writing Workshop	3
<a href="#">ENGL 4140</a>	Advanced Fiction Writing Workshop	3
<a href="#">ENGL 4160</a>	Special Topics In Writing	3
<a href="#">ENGL 4890</a>	Writing Internship	3
<a href="#">ENGL 4892</a>	Independent Writing Project	3
<a href="#">ENGL 4895</a>	Editing "Litmag"	3
Professional Writing Courses <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Students are encouraged to take at least one professional writing course, but no more than two.</b>		
<a href="#">ENGL/MEDIA ST 2080</a>	Advertising Copywriting	3
<a href="#">ENGL/MEDIA ST 3150</a>	Feature Writing	3
<a href="#">ENGL 4860</a>	Editing	3

<sup>4</sup> ~~At least one must be a 4000-level course.~~

<sup>5</sup> ~~Students may take no more than two 2000-level courses~~

<sup>3</sup> ~~Students are encouraged to take at least one professional writing course, but no more than two.~~

~~This capstone course may be:~~

<del><a href="#">ENGL 4895</a></del>	<del>Editing "Litmag"</del>	<del>3</del>
<del><a href="#">ENGL 4890</a></del>	<del>Writing Internship</del>	<del>3</del>
<del><a href="#">ENGL 4140</a></del>	<del>Advanced Fiction Writing Workshop</del>	<del>3</del>
<del><a href="#">ENGL 4130</a></del>	<del>Advanced Poetry Writing Workshop</del>	<del>3</del>

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~~ **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.

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Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Edited the first four paragraphs of the creative writing section to improve clarity and conciseness.

#### Rationale

Deleted English 2030 because it is no longer taught.

Added information about the capstone course options and the procedures once students complete the requirements of the Certificate.