

CREATIVE WRITING

The Creative Writing Program is staffed by acclaimed poets and prose writers. We believe students at all levels of instruction should be guided by teachers who are practicing professionals, who are deep in their own creative work, and who are versed in what it takes to bring creative works to completion. We are committed to building an active culture of engagement in the literary arts for our students, including mentorship with our bestselling and award-winning faculty and opportunities for professional development and community building.

PROGRAMS



DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing
- Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing
- Creative Writing Minor

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The creative writing curriculum assumes that writing and reading are complementary activities, and so students in our programs read some of the best literary works of the past and present while exploring issues of craft and genre that will allow them to take their own writing to a new level.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Written Communication
- Storytelling
- Editing
- Copywriting
- Fiction and Poetry
- Creative Ideas

CAREERS

- Copywriter
- Editor
- Writer
- Professor
- Teacher
- Proofreader

EMPLOYERS

- Amicus Publishing
- Abdo Publishing
- Barnes and Noble Bookstore
- Capstone Publishing
- Target
- Content publishers

INSPIRED ACTION



EMPLOYMENT RATE

100%
of program graduates begin their careers within one year of graduation.

Graduates: 22
Respondents: 15
link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up

MEDIAN SALARY

\$73,690

The median annual wage for Writers and Authors in May 2023.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Writers and Authors, at link.mnsu.edu/creative-writing-salary

PROGRAM WEBSITE



hss.mnsu.edu/creative-writing



SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN - CREATIVE WRITING, BA

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
ENG 101 Foundations of Writing & Rhetoric (4) General Education Course (4) General Education Course (4) General Education Course (3)	General Education Course (4) General Education Course (4) General Education Course (4) General Education Course (3)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
CW 242W Introduction to Creative Writing (4) General Education Course (4) General Elective Course (3) Elective Course in Major (3)	CW 340 Form and Technique and Prose (4) General Education Course (4) General Elective Course (3) Elective Course in Major (3)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
CW 341 Form and Technique in Poetry (4) CW 343 Beginning Fiction Workshop (4) Elective Course in Major (4) Elective Course in Major (3)	CW 344 Beginning Poetry Workshop (4) General Elective Course (4) Elective Course in Major (3) Elective Course in Major (3)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
CW 342 Beginning Creative Nonfiction Workshop (4) Other Graduation Course Requirements (11)	CW 447W Advanced Creative Writing (4) Other Graduation Course Requirements (11)

For more information about program requirements, visit:
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