

Creative Writing AFA

The Creative Writing Associate of Fine Arts degree prepares students for bachelor's degree studies in creative writing and other liberal arts by combining general education courses and foundational courses in creative writing and literary studies.

Creative Writing Curriculum

Curriculum

Program Courses

| Course Code | Title | Course Outlines | Goal Areas | Credits |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|---------|
| ENGL 1250 | Magazine Workshop | View-ENGL 1250 | n/a | 2 |
| ENGL 1900 | Introduction to Creative Writing | View-ENGL 1900 | n/a | 3 |

Capstone Course

| Course Code | Title | Course Outlines | Goal Areas | Credits |
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| ENGL 2960 | Creative Writing Capstone Project | View-ENGL 2960 | n/a | 1 |

Program Electives: Creative Writing

| Course Code | Title | Course Outlines | Goal Areas | Credits |
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| Creative Writing Program Electives - 9 credits | | | | |
| ENGL 2010 | Writing Creative Non-Fiction and Memoir or | View-ENGL 2010 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2020 | Writing Stories or | View-ENGL 2020 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2030 | Writing Poetry or | View-ENGL 2030 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2500 | Playwriting or | View-ENGL 2500 | n/a | 3 |
| TFT 1280 | Introduction to Screenwriting or | View-TFT 1280 | n/a | 3 |
| TFT 2500 | Playwriting | View-TFT 2500 | n/a | 3 |

Program Electives: Literature

| Course Code | Title | Course Outlines | Goal Areas | Credits |
|---|--|--------------------------------|------------|---------|
| Literature Program Electives - 12 credits | | | | |
| ENGL 1140 | Professional Writing or | View-ENGL 1140 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2150 | Introduction to Literary Studies or | View-ENGL 2150 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 1260 or | | | | |
| ENGL 2540 | Introduction to Literary Studies: Reading Poetry or | View-ENGL 2540 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2570 | Introduction to Literary Studies: Reading Plays or | View-ENGL 2570 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 1940 | Technical Writing or | View-ENGL 1940 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 1950 | Graphic Novels or | View-ENGL 1950 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2270 | Modern American Literature or | View-ENGL 2270 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2300 | Children's Literature or | View-ENGL 2300 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2330 or | | | | |
| ENGL 2340 | Nature in Literature or | View-ENGL 2340 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2350 | Women and Literature or | View-ENGL 2350 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2360 | Global Literary Perspectives or | View-ENGL 2360 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2370 | African American Literature or | View-ENGL 2370 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2380 | American Indian Literature or | View-ENGL 2380 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2390 | Work in American Literature or | View-ENGL 2390 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2400 | Utopian/Dystopian Literature or | View-ENGL 2400 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2450 | Survey of American Literature I or | View-ENGL 2450 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2460 | Survey of American Literature II or | View-ENGL 2460 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2550 | Survey of British Literature I or | View-ENGL 2550 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2560 | Survey of British Literature II or | View-ENGL 2560 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2580 | Shakespeare's Plays or | View-ENGL 2580 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2590 or | | | | |
| ENGL 2900 | Fantasy Literature or | View-ENGL 2900 | n/a | 3 |
| ENGL 2950 | Mystery and Detective Fiction | View-ENGL 2950 | n/a | 3 |

General Education Courses

| Course Code | Title | Course Outlines | Goal Areas | Credits |
|--|---|--------------------------------|------------|---------|
| College Writing I | | | | |
| ENGL 1200 | Gateway College Writing or | View-ENGL 1200 | n/a | 4 |
| ENGL 1201 | College Writing I | View-ENGL 1201 | n/a | 4 |
| ENGL 1202 | College Writing II | View-ENGL 1202 | n/a | 2 |
| COMM 1010, COMM1110, COMM1210 - 1 course | | | | |
| COMM 1010 | Fundamentals of Public Speaking or | View-COMM 1010 | n/a | 3 |
| COMM 1110 | Principles of Interpersonal Communication or | View-COMM 1110 | n/a | 3 |
| COMM 1210 | Small Group Communication | View-COMM 1210 | n/a | 3 |

MnTC Electives

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| Complete 24 credits total: |
| Natural Sciences Mathematics/Logical Reasoning (Goal Area 3 4) - 3 credits |
| History the Social Behavioral Sciences (Goal Area 5) - 6 credits |
| Human Diversity Global Perspective (Goal Areas 7 8) - 3 credits |
| Ethical Civic Responsibility People the Environment (Goal Areas 9 10) - 3 credits |
| MnTC Electives - 9 credits |

NHCC Residency and GPA

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| 15 Credits must be earned at NHCC | |
| Total Credits Required | 60 |

Program Overview

2023-2024

Program Outcomes

Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World:

- engagement with literary arts in multiple genres across diverse cultures and societal perspectives, both by critically successful authors and through student writing

significant and critical awareness of the contemporary world, from local to global

Focused by engagement with big questions, both contemporary and enduring

Intellectual and Practical Skills:

- analysis and examination of stylistic and literary elements of critically successful authors and student writing within multiple genres
- demonstration of critical and creative thinking through large and small group workshop style discussion and textual analysis of writing
- strategic application of practical and applicable creative writing modes and approaches to effective revision
- knowledge of historically successful literary elements and the artists who have used them

Practiced extensively, across the curriculum, in the context of progressively more challenging problems, projects, and standards for performance

Personal and Social Responsibility and Engagement:

- understanding of cultural variation in forms of contemporary and historical literature, as well as important ways in which the contextual framework of the literature reflects culture
- interacting with college, local, national, and/or global publications with an awareness of audience and social ramifications
- developed skills in time management, deadlines, and collaborative experiences

Anchored through active involvement with diverse communities and realworld challenges

Integrative and Applied Learning:

- participation in literary arts publication and public performance
- investigation of careers related to critical and creative writing and the literary arts
- demonstration of proficiency in at least one genre of creative writing

Demonstrated through the application of knowledge, skills, and responsibilities to new settings and complex problems

Graduates will be prepared to transfer to, and succeed at, an upper level academic institution.

Program Maps

Program roadmaps provide students with a guide to understand the recommended course sequence to complete their degree.

- [Creative Writing AFA Program Roadmap Full Time](#)

Career Opportunities

Information on careers, including salary and employment outlook data, is available at Minnesota State and the Bureau of Labor Statistics websites: careerwise.minnstate.edu and www.bls.gov.

Transfer Information

If you are planning on transferring to another institution, follow the guidelines available on our transfer resources web page to help you plan the process: [Transfer Information](#)

Degree Information

An Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.) degree is intended for students whose primary goal is to complete a program in a designated discipline in fine arts. The A.F.A. degree is designed for transfer to a baccalaureate degree.

Completion of an A.F.A. degree fulfills the Goal Area 2 requirement of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC).

Developmental Coursework Some students may need preparatory course(s) in Math and/or English. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward a degree.

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Accreditation

North Hennepin Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

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