

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING

The Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing is for students with advanced abilities in the writing of fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and hybrid forms. This nationally-ranked program offers a balance of intimate and intensive writing workshops with courses in literature, form and technique, and related electives. Coursework culminates in a book-length collection of short stories/poems/essays or a novel or memoir, as well as completing a comprehensive portfolio.

Requirements Effective Spring 2018

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course from the following:		3
E 513A	Form and Technique in Modern Literature: Fiction	
E 513B	Form and Technique in Modern Literature: Poetry	
E 513C	Form and Technique in Modern Literature: Essay	
Select 12 credits (4 courses) in any one genre from the following:		12
E 640A	Graduate Writing Workshop: Fiction	
E 640B	Graduate Writing Workshop: Poetry	
E 640C	Graduate Writing Workshop: Essay	
E 699	Thesis	12
Additional credits in E 500- or E 600-level courses ¹		18-20
One course outside English Department, 300-level or above ²		1-3
Program Total Credits:		48

A minimum of 48 credits are required to complete this program.

Additional Program Requirements:

- Students are required to submit a portfolio with writing, sample papers, and annotated bibliography at the end of their program.
- A minimum of 32 credits applied to an MFA degree must be earned at CSU. Of these, at least 21 must be earned after admission to the program.
- Graduate courses taken at CSU prior to admission to the Graduate School can be applied to an MFA degree if the grade earned is B or higher.
- At least 16 credits earned at CSU and applied to an MFA degree must be English courses at the 500-level or higher; of these credits, at least 12 must be in "regular" courses. English courses considered to be other than "regular" include E 607B, E 684, E 687, E 695, E 699, and any courses graded pass/fail.
- Courses transferred from an MFA program must have a grade of B or higher and must have a CSU equivalent at the 500-level or higher. Credits used to fulfill requirements for previously earned degrees are not accepted.

- Up to three credits of coursework for an MFA degree can come from CSU programs outside the English department at the 300-level or higher. Students can take two additional courses outside the department, but these courses must be 500-level or higher.
- Graduate students may register for any number of internship credits, but a total of only six credits of E 607B, E 684, and E 687 (combined) will count toward graduation.
- A maximum of two credits of E 695 can count toward an MFA degree.
- With the exception of specified courses, all courses taken in the English department and applied to an MFA degree must be taken at the 500-level or above.

¹ This must include one course (3 credits) of a Pre-Twentieth-Century Literature class with approval of advisor.
² This requirement may be waived for students whose undergraduate degree is in another major.