



## *Creative Writing*

**Department of English, Foreign Languages, and Philosophy  
Ellis College of Arts and Sciences**

Required Number of Hours: 12

Description of certificate: (Include an introductory paragraph and certificate plan of study.)

The Creative Writing Certificate is a minimum 12-credit-hour (4-course) program designed to provide students with the tools for a deeper understanding of how to use language to express the intricacies of human experience. The Creative Writing Certificate gives students the opportunity to undertake creative writing projects—especially the writing of poetry, fiction, screenplays, and non-fiction—which emphasize the process of writing as well as the end product. In their classes, students read and study a variety of key published works, write from prompts and assignments, and learn techniques for harnessing their own creative resources. The peer workshop, or group critique of student writing, is the cornerstone of growth as a writer.

Required Courses	Hours
ENG 2503 Introduction to Creative Writing	3
ENG 3143 Form and Theory: Poetry	
or	
ENG 3153 Form and Theory: Fiction	3
ENG 4983 Advanced Creative Writing	3
ONE of the following:	
MMC 3493 Preproduction, or	
THA 2413 Playwriting, or	
MMC 4293 Creative Nonfiction, or	
MMC 4223 Magazine and Feature Writing, or	
ENG 4____ Any 4000-level literature course	3

## Student Learning Outcomes:

Students completing this certificate will be able to

- Demonstrate the ability to think, read, and write critically;
- Analyze cultural diversity and understand the socio-economic factors which influence writing;
- Explore writing as a mode of inquiry that promotes interdisciplinarity;
- Perceive how an integrated, interdisciplinary study of writing can improve writing ability, enhance critical thinking, and encourage a nuanced understanding of the written word;
- Understand how the writing process affects final revisions in a variety of written texts; and
- Appreciate the relevance of writing to our contemporary society within a variety of contexts.

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