

MINOR IN CREATIVE WRITING

A minor in creative writing gives students a chance to make art — poems, stories, works for performance — out of words, and also to consider literature from a maker's perspective.

Our creative writing minors come from all over the university: some major in English;* some major in other disciplines entirely. What brings our students together is an experience of the vitality of both written and spoken word.

Students who declare a Minor in Creative Writing must take:

- at least twelve (12) credit hours in creative writing, in more than one genre**
- twelve (12) credit hours more in English courses beyond the first-year level***

* Students who wish to major in English and minor in creative writing must take forty-eight (48) credit hours in English courses above three (3) credit hours in ENGL at the 1000-level and fulfill the requirements of both programs.

**Creative Writing Courses offered in 2024-2025:

I. Seminar-style creative-writing workshops

- 3792.1 Writing Poetry | W 19:00-21:30 (R. Sewell)
- 4477.2 Writing Poetry — Advanced | W 19:00-21:30 (R. Sewell)
- 4475.AXX Writing Fiction Advanced | T 19:00-21:30 (A. MacLeod)*
- 4475.AYY Writing Fiction Advanced | T 19:00-21:30 (A. MacLeod)*

**Admission by permission of the instructor based on submission of a writing sample.*

- 3793.1 Writing for Performance | F 10:00-12:30 (L. Hathaway)*

** An introductory, multi-disciplinary course on writing for the embodied voice: songwriting, writing for theatre, spoken-word poetry. (Students will be able to choose their emphasis.) No specific musical and/or performance experience required.*

II. Lecture-based course that can also count towards the Creative Writing Minor

- ENGL 3310.1 Ancient Literature | TR 1-2:15 (L. Hathaway)

*** OTHER RECOMMENDED COURSES FOR CW MINORS, 2024/5:

2391.1 Study of Short Fiction | 2343.1 Intro. to Drama III | 2392.1 Study of Narrative
2461.1 Mikmaq Storytelling & Lit. | 2511.1 Reading Film | 2312.2 Varieties of English
2342.2 Intro. to Drama II | 2393.2 The Study of Poetry

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