

Creative Writing

Minor

The Creative Writing Program is an interdisciplinary minor program offered by the Office of Undergraduate and Interdisciplinary Studies in the Division of Undergraduate Studies in the College of Letters & Science. The approved courses students take to satisfy the minor course requirements are offered by over forty departments and programs on campus. Interested undergraduate students in any major may earn an interdepartmental minor in creative writing by completing the requirements listed in the Minor Requirements tab. For further information, please also see the Creative Writing Minor Student Handout (<http://creative.ugis.berkeley.edu/forms-downloads>) and the program's Frequently Asked Questions pages (<http://creative.ugis.berkeley.edu/faq>).

There is no major program in Creative Writing.

Declaring and Completing the Minor

Information regarding declaring the minor and completing the minor, including deadlines, is available on the Creative Writing Minor website (<http://creative.ugis.berkeley.edu>). See Declaring and Completing (<http://creative.ugis.berkeley.edu/declaring-and-completing>).

Students who are interested in the Creative Writing minor are encouraged to subscribe to the Creative Writing minor email list serve to receive important news about the minor, including special approval courses for the minor that are not published on the website. To subscribe, email demir@berkeley.edu.

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript, but are not noted on diplomas.

General Guidelines

- Five upper division courses are required, consisting of three approved courses in creative writing and two approved courses in literature.
- All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be taken for graded credit (a letter grade).
- A minimum of three of the upper division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.
- Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement for Letters & Science students.
- No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a major program.
- No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for another minor program.
- All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which you plan to graduate. If you cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, please see a College of Letters & Science adviser.
- All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Course Requirements

Upper Division

Select three courses in creative writing (see below) ¹

Select two courses in literature (see below)

- ¹ At least two of the three writing courses must be taken at UC Berkeley.

Students may be allowed to include courses that are not on the following lists with the approval of the creative writing minor faculty adviser. It is the responsibility of the student to provide the faculty adviser with documentary evidence to support the claim of course eligibility. Contact the creative writing minor student academic adviser at demir@berkeley.edu for more information.

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AFRICAM 156AC	Poetry for the People: Introduction to the Art of Poetry	4
AFRICAM 158A	Poetry for the People: The Writing and Teaching of Poetry	4
AFRICAM 158B	Poetry for the People: Practicum	4
AMERSTD C174	Visual Autobiography	4
ASAMST 173	Creative Writing	4
COLWRIT 130	Introduction to the Craft of Creative Writing	4
COLWRIT 131	Introduction to the Craft of Creative Nonfiction	3
COLWRIT 132	Introduction to the Craft of Short Fiction	3
COLWRIT 133	Introduction to the Craft of Dramatic Writing	3
COLWRIT 140B	Seminar-Workshop in Creative Writing	3
COLWRIT 141	Seminar-Workshop on Creative Writing: The Novel	3
CRWRIT 120	Reading and Writing Poetry	3
CRWRIT 130	Creative Prose	3
ENGLISH 141	Modes of Writing (Exposition, Fiction, Verse, Etc.)	4
ENGLISH N141	Course Not Available	3
ENGLISH 143A	Short Fiction	4
ENGLISH 143B	Verse	4
ENGLISH 143C	Long Narrative	4
ENGLISH 143E	Playwriting	4
ENGLISH 143N	Prose Nonfiction	4
ENGLISH 143T	Poetry Translation Workshop	4
ENGLISH C143V	Visual Autobiography	4
ENV DES 101A	Writing about Environmental Design: Short Compositions	3-4
ENV DES 101B	Writing about Environmental Design: One Longer Composition	3-4
FILM 180	Introduction to Screenwriting	4
FILM 181	Screenwriting	4
FRENCH 139	Creative Writing in French	4
NATAMST 150	Native American Narratives	4
THEATER 139A	Fundamentals of Playwriting	3
THEATER 139B	Playwriting	3
UGIS C135	Visual Autobiography	4
VIS STD C185A	Visual Autobiography	4

Literature

AFRICAM C143B	Research-to-Performance Laboratory	3	COM LIT 151	The Ancient Mediterranean World	4
AFRICAM C143C	Black Theatre Workshop	3	COM LIT 152	The Middle Ages	4
AFRICAM 150B	African American Literature 1920 to Present	3	COM LIT 153	The Renaissance	4
AFRICAM N150B	Survey of African American Literary Forms and Styles 1920 to 1980	3	COM LIT 154	Eighteenth- and 19th-Century Literature	4
AFRICAM 152F	Neo-Slave Narratives	3	COM LIT 155	The Modern Period	4
AFRICAM 153C	Novels of Toni Morrison	3	COM LIT 156	Fiction and Culture of the Americas	4
AFRICAM 155	Literature of the Caribbean: Significant Themes	4	COM LIT 165	Myth and Literature	4
AFRICAM 159	Special Topics in African American Literature	3 - 4	COM LIT 171	Topics in Modern Greek Literature	4
AMERSTD C152	Native American Literature	4	COM LIT 190	Senior Seminar in Comparative Literature	4
ANTHRO 160AC	Forms of Folklore	4	DUTCH 140	Topics in Dutch Literature	3
ANTHRO 161	Narrative Folklore	4	DUTCH C164	The Indonesian Connection: Dutch Literature About the Indies in English Translation	4
ANTHRO 162	Topics in Folklore	4	DUTCH 166	Anne Frank and After: World War II and the Holocaust in the Netherlands	4
ANTHRO N162	Introduction to Arabic Folklore	4	EA LANG 105	Dynamics of Romantic Core Values in East Asian Premodern Literature and Contemporary Film	4
ARABIC 104A	Modern Arabic Prose	3	EA LANG 106	Expressing the Ineffable in China and Beyond: The Making of Meaning in Poetic Writing	4
ARABIC 104B	Classical Arabic Prose	3	ENGLISH 107	The English Bible As Literature	4
ARABIC 105A	Modern Arabic Poetry	3	ENGLISH N107	Course Not Available	3
ARABIC 105B	Classical Arabic Poetry	3	ENGLISH 110	Medieval Literature	4
ARABIC 111A	Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic)	3	ENGLISH 111	Chaucer	4
ARABIC 111B	Survey of Arabic Literature (in Arabic)	3	ENGLISH 112	Middle English Literature	4
ASAMST 172	Asian American Literature	4	ENGLISH 114A	English Drama	4
ASAMST 175	Contemporary Narratives on the Philippines and the United States	3	ENGLISH N114A	Course Not Available	3
ASAMST 176	Genre in Asian American Literature	4	ENGLISH 114B	English Drama	4
ASAMST 181	Chinese American Literature	4	ENGLISH N114B	Course Not Available	3
ASAMST 183	Korean American Literature	4	ENGLISH 115A	The English Renaissance	4
BUDDSTD C140	Readings in Chinese Buddhist Texts	4	ENGLISH N115A	Course Not Available	3
CELTIC 119A	Welsh and Arthurian Literature of the Middle Ages	4	ENGLISH 115B	The English Renaissance	4
CELTIC 119B	Welsh and Arthurian Literature of the Middle Ages	4	ENGLISH N115B	Course Not Available	3
CELTIC 125	Irish Literature in Translation	4	ENGLISH 117A	Shakespeare	4
CELTIC 138	Irish Literature	4	ENGLISH 117B	Shakespeare	4
CELTIC 139	Irish Literature	4	ENGLISH 117F	Shakespeare and Film	4
CELTIC 146A	Medieval Welsh Language and Literature	4	ENGLISH 117J	Shakespeare	4
CELTIC 146B	Medieval Welsh Language and Literature	4	ENGLISH 117S	Shakespeare	4
CELTIC 168	Celtic Mythology and Oral Tradition	4	ENGLISH N117S	Course Not Available	3
CHICANO 141	Chicana Feminist Writers and Discourse	4	ENGLISH 117T	Shakespeare in the Theatre	4
CHICANO 142	Major Chicano Writers	4	ENGLISH 118	Milton	4
CHICANO 143	Chicano and Latin American Literature	3	ENGLISH N118	Course Not Available	3
CHINESE 120	Ancient Chinese Prose	4	ENGLISH 119	Literature of the Restoration and Early Eighteenth Century	4
CHINESE 122	Ancient Chinese Poetry	4	ENGLISH 120	Literature of the Later 18th Century	4
CHINESE 134	Readings in Classical Chinese Poetry	4	ENGLISH 121	Romantic Period	4
CHINESE 136	Readings in Medieval Prose	4	ENGLISH N121	Course Not Available	3
CHINESE C140	Readings in Chinese Buddhist Texts	4	ENGLISH 122	Victorian Period	4
CHINESE 155	Readings in Vernacular Chinese Literature	4	ENGLISH 125A	The English Novel	4
CHINESE 156	Modern Chinese Literature	4	ENGLISH 125B	The English Novel	4
CHINESE 157	Contemporary Chinese Literature	4	ENGLISH N125B	Course Not Available	3
CLASSIC 124	Classical Poetics	4	ENGLISH 125C	The European Novel	4
COLWRIT 140A	Readings on Creative Writing	3	ENGLISH 125D	The 20th-Century Novel	4
COM LIT 100	Introduction to Comparative Literature	4	ENGLISH N125D	Course Not Available	3
COM LIT 120	The Biblical Tradition in Western Literature	4	ENGLISH 125E	The Contemporary Novel	4

ENGLISH N125E	Course Not Available	3	ENGLISH 180L	Lyric Verse	4
ENGLISH 126	British Literature: 1900-1945	4	ENGLISH 180N	The Novel	4
ENGLISH 127	Modern Poetry	4	ENGLISH 180R	The Romance	4
ENGLISH 130A	American Literature: Before 1800	4	ENGLISH 180S	Satire	4
ENGLISH N130A	Course Not Available	3	ENGLISH 180T	Tragedy	4
ENGLISH 130B	American Literature: 1800-1865	4	ENGLISH 180Z	Science Fiction	4
ENGLISH N130B	Course Not Available	3	ENGLISH N180Z	Course Not Available	3
ENGLISH 130C	American Literature: 1865-1900	4	ENGLISH 190	Research Seminar	4
ENGLISH 130D	American Literature: 1900-1945	4	ETH STD 100	Comparative Ethnic Literature in America	4
ENGLISH N130D	Course Not Available	3	ETH STD N100	Comparative Ethnic Literature in America	3
ENGLISH 131	American Poetry	4	ETH STD 174	Existential Panic in American Ethnic Literature	4
ENGLISH 132	American Novel	4	ETH STD 175	Literature from Ethnic Movements	4
ENGLISH N132	Course Not Available	3	FRENCH 112A	Medieval Literature	4
ENGLISH 133A	African American Literature and Culture Before 1917	4	FRENCH 112B	Medieval Literature	4
ENGLISH 133B	African American Literature and Culture Since 1917	4	FRENCH 114A	Late Medieval Literature	4
ENGLISH 133T	Topics in African American Literature and Culture	4	FRENCH 116A	Sixteenth-Century Literature: Marot to Montaigne	4
ENGLISH 134	Contemporary Literature	4	FRENCH 117A	Seventeenth-Century Literature	4
ENGLISH N134	Course Not Available	3	FRENCH 117B	Seventeenth-Century Literature	4
ENGLISH 135AC	Literature of American Cultures	4	FRENCH 118A	Eighteenth-Century Literature	4
ENGLISH N135	Course Not Available	3	FRENCH 118B	Eighteenth-Century Literature	4
ENGLISH C136	Topics in American Studies	4	FRENCH 119A	Nineteenth-Century Literature	4
ENGLISH 137A	Chicana/o Literature and Culture to 1910	4	FRENCH 119B	Nineteenth-Century Literature	4
ENGLISH 137B	Chicana/o Literature and Culture Since 1910	4	FRENCH 120A	Twentieth-Century Literature	4
ENGLISH 137T	Topics in Chicana/o Literature and Culture	4	FRENCH 120B	Twentieth-Century Literature	4
ENGLISH 138	Studies in World Literature in English	4	FRENCH 121A	Literary Themes, Genres, and Structures	4
ENGLISH 139	The Cultures of English	4	FRENCH 121B	Literary Themes, Genres, and Structures	4
ENGLISH 152	Women Writers	4	FRENCH 122A	Literary Criticism	4
ENGLISH N152	Course Not Available	3	FRENCH 122B	Literary Criticism	4
ENGLISH 165	Special Topics	4	FRENCH 123	Prose Fiction	4
ENGLISH 165AC	Special Topics in American Cultures	4	FRENCH 126	Senior Seminar	4
ENGLISH 166	Special Topics	4	FRENCH 140A	French Literature in English Translation	4
ENGLISH 166AC	Special Topics in American Cultures	4	FRENCH 140B	French Literature in English Translation	4
ENGLISH 170	Literature and the Arts	4	FRENCH 140C	French Literature in English Translation	4
ENGLISH 171	Literature and Sexual Identity	4	FRENCH 140D	French Literature in English Translation	4
ENGLISH 172	Literature and Psychology	4	FRENCH 150A	Women in French Literature	4
ENGLISH 174	Literature and History	4	FRENCH 150B	Women in French Literature	4
ENGLISH 175	Literature and Disability	4	FRENCH 151A	Francophone Literature	4
ENGLISH 176	Literature and Popular Culture	4	FRENCH 151B	Francophone Literature	4
ENGLISH N176	Course Not Available	3	FRENCH 172A	Psychoanalytic Theory and Literature	4
ENGLISH 177	Literature and Philosophy	4	FRENCH 174	Music and Literature	4
ENGLISH N177	Course Not Available	3	FRENCH 175A	Literature and the Visual Arts	4
ENGLISH 178	British and American Folklore	4	FRENCH 185	Literature and Colonialism	4
ENGLISH 179	Literature and Linguistics	4	GWS C146A	Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Literary Culture	4
ENGLISH 180A	Autobiography	4	GERMAN 108	Literary Translation	3
ENGLISH N180A	Course Not Available	3	GERMAN 110	The Literature of the Middle Ages	3
ENGLISH 180C	Comedy	4	GERMAN 112	Early Modern Literature	3
ENGLISH 180E	The Epic	4	GERMAN 123	From 1800 to the Present	3
ENGLISH 180H	Short Story	4	GERMAN 131	Goethe	3
ENGLISH N180H	Course Not Available	3	GERMAN 140	Romanticism	3
ENGLISH 180J	The Essay	4	GERMAN 147	German Drama and Opera	4
			GERMAN 148	Topics in Narrative	3

GERMAN 151	Eighteenth- to 21st-Century German Poetry	3	LATIN 116	Lucretius, Vergil's Georgics	4
GERMAN 152	Modern Literature	3	LATIN 119	Latin Epic	4
GERMAN 175B	Undergraduate Seminars: 20th-Century Poetry	3	LATIN 120	Latin Prose to AD 14	4
GREEK 100	Plato and Attic Prose	4	LATIN 121	Tacitus	4
GREEK 101	Homer	4	LATIN 122	Post-Augustan Prose	4
GREEK 102	Drama and Society	4	LATIN 140	Medieval Latin	4
GREEK 105	The Greek New Testament	4	LATIN 155A	Readings in Medieval Latin	4
GREEK 115	Archaic Poetry	4	LGBT C146A	Cultural Representations of Sexualities: Queer Literary Culture	4
GREEK 116	Greek Drama	4	NATAMST C152	Native American Literature	4
GREEK 117	Hellenistic Poets	4	NE STUD 105A	Ancient Mesopotamian Documents and Literature	3
GREEK 120	Herodotus	4	NE STUD 113	Gilgamesh: King, Hero, and God	4
GREEK 121	Thucydides	4	NE STUD 132	Biblical Poetry	4
GREEK 122	Attic Oratory	4	NE STUD 139	Modern Jewish Literatures	4
GREEK 123	Plato and Aristotle	4	NE STUD 154	Narratives of Identity in Israeli and Palestinian Fiction	4
GREEK 125	Greek Literature of the Hellenistic and Imperial Periods	4	NE STUD 155	Wonder and the Fantastic: The Thousand and One Nights in World Literary Imagination	3
HEBREW 104A	Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture	3	NE STUD 162A	History of Persian Literature	4
HEBREW 104B	Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture	3	NE STUD 162B	History of Persian Literature	4
ITALIAN 104	Reading Italian Literature	4	NE STUD 170A	Turkish Literature in Translation	3
ITALIAN 109	Dante's Commedia (in Italian)	4	NE STUD 170B	Turkish Literature in Translation	3
ITALIAN 110	Literature and Culture of the 13th and 14th Centuries	4	PERSIAN 101A	Readings in Persian Literature	3
ITALIAN 112	Sixteenth-Century Literature and Culture	4	PERSIAN 101B	Readings in Persian Literature	3
ITALIAN 115	Nineteenth-Century Literature and Culture	4	PERSIAN 102A	Readings in Classical Persian Prose	3
ITALIAN 117	Twentieth and Twenty-First Century Literature	4	PERSIAN 102B	Readings in Classical Persian Prose	3
ITALIAN 120	Topics in Italian Studies	4	PERSIAN 103A	Classical Persian Poetry	3
ITALIAN 130A	Dante's Inferno (in English)	4	PERSIAN 103B	Classical Persian Poetry	3
ITALIAN 130B	Dante's Purgatorio and Paradiso (in English)	4	PERSIAN 104B	Contemporary Persian Literature	3
ITALIAN 163	Special Topics in Italian Literature	4	PERSIAN 105	Modern Analytical Prose in Persian	3
JAPAN 130	Classical Japanese Poetry	4	PORTUG 104	Introduction to Brazilian Literature	4
JAPAN 132	Premodern Japanese Diary (Nikki) Literature	4	PORTUG 128	Twentieth-Century Brazilian Literature	4
JAPAN 140	Heian Prose	4	PORTUG 135	Studies in Luso-Brazilian Literature	4
JAPAN 144	Edo Literature	4	RHETOR 112	Rhetoric of Narrative Genres in Nonliterate Societies	4
JAPAN 155	Modern Japanese Literature	4	RHETOR 121	Rhetoric of Fiction	4
JAPAN 159	Contemporary Japanese Literature	4	RHETOR 122	Rhetoric of Drama	4
JAPAN 170	Classical Japanese Literature in Translation	4	RHETOR 124	Rhetoric of Poetry	4
JAPAN 177	Urami: Rancor and Revenge in Japanese Literature	4	RHETOR 125	Poetics and Poetry	4
JAPAN 180	Ghosts and the Modern Literary Imagination	4	RHETOR 127	Novel, Society, and Politics	4
KOREAN 101	Fourth-Year Readings: Korean Literature	4	RHETOR 129	Rhetoric of Autobiography	4
KOREAN 130	Genre and Occasion in Traditional Poetry	4	RHETOR 129AC	Autobiography and American Individualism	4
KOREAN 140	Narrating Persons and Objects in Traditional Korean Prose	4	RHETOR 130	Novel into Film	4
KOREAN 150	Modern Korean Poetry	4	RHETOR 131T	Genre in Film and Literature	4
KOREAN 153	Readings in Modern Korean Literature	4	RHETOR 156	Rhetoric of the Political Novel	4
KOREAN 155	Modern Korean Fiction	4	SCANDIN 106	The Works of Hans Christian Andersen	4
KOREAN 157	Contemporary Korean Literature	4	SCANDIN C107	Plays of Ibsen	4
KOREAN 172	Gender and Korean Literature	4	SCANDIN C108	Strindberg	4
KOREAN 180	Critical Approaches to Modern Korean Literature	4	SCANDIN 116	Studies in Prose	4
LATIN 100	Republican Prose	4	SCANDIN 120	The Novel in Scandinavian	4
LATIN 101	Vergil	4	SCANDIN 125	Old Norse Literature	4
LATIN 102	Lyric and Society	4	SCANDIN 150	Studies in Scandinavian Literature	4
LATIN 115	Roman Drama	4	SCANDIN C160	Scandinavian Myth and Religion	4

SCANDIN 165	Scandinavian Folklore	4
SCANDIN 170	Arctic Folklore and Mythology in Nordic Lands	4
SLAVIC 131	Literature, Art, and Society in 20th-Century Russia	4
SLAVIC 132	Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, and the English Novel	4
SLAVIC 133	The Novel in Russia and the West	4
SLAVIC 134A	Gogol	4
SLAVIC 134C	Dostoevsky	4
SLAVIC 134D	Tolstoy	4
SLAVIC 134E	Chekhov	4
SLAVIC 134F	Nabokov	4
SLAVIC 134G	Tolstoy and Dostoevsky	4
SLAVIC 147A	East Slavic Folklore	3
SLAVIC 147B	Balkan Folklore	3
SLAVIC 150	Polish Literature and Intellectual Trends	3
SLAVIC 151	Readings in Polish Literature	4
SLAVIC 170	Survey of Yugoslav Literatures	3
SLAVIC 171	Readings in Yugoslav Literatures	4
SLAVIC 181	Readings in Russian Literature	4
SLAVIC 182	Pushkin	4
SEASIAN 128	Introduction to Modern Indonesian and Malaysian Literature in Translation	4
SEASIAN 129	Mainland Southeast Asian Literature	4
SPANISH 104A	Survey of Spanish American Literature	4
SPANISH 104B	Survey of Spanish American Literature	4
SPANISH 107A	Survey of Spanish Literature	4
SPANISH 107B	Survey of Spanish Literature	4
SPANISH 109	Spanish Drama of the 16th and 17th Centuries	4
SPANISH 111A	Cervantes	4
SPANISH 111B	Cervantes	4
SPANISH 115	Spanish Poetry	4
SPANISH 135	Studies in Hispanic Literature	4
SPANISH 135W	Studies in Hispanic Literature - Writing Intensive	4
TAMIL 101A	Readings in Tamil	4
TAMIL 101B	Readings in Tamil	4
THEATER C107	Plays of Ibsen	4
THEATER C108	Strindberg	4
THEATER 126	Performance Literatures	4
THEATER C183C	Black Theatre Workshop	3
TURKISH 101A	Readings in Modern Turkish	3
TURKISH 101B	Readings in Modern Turkish	3
YIDDISH 103	Readings in Yiddish	3