

Core Competencies for the Creative Writing Minor

It is the goal of the Creative Writing Minor that graduates demonstrate the following:

1. Knowledge of Processes and Core Study

Students have awareness of the different methods employed in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities. Students have awareness of different cultural traditions.

2. Communication Proficiency

Students are able to apply flexible writing skills appropriate to a variety of writings tasks. Students are able to organize research into a coherent and readable research paper. Students are able to create and execute their own poems or stories, producing through a series of four courses substantive bodies of work.

3. Historical and Contemporary Awareness

Students have awareness of history's formative effect on the present. Students are familiar with the genre in which they primarily work, with its different forms and most important practitioners.

4. Contextual Awareness, Analytical Proficiency

Students are able to research in traditional library sources as well as new media. Students are able to articulate their own artistic goals and aesthetic. Students are able to learn from peer critiques of their work in a workshop setting. Students are able to give helpful peer feedback in a workshop setting. Students are able to critique and analyze several genres of writing.

5. Professional Practice

Students are able to continue a life of studying, reading, writing, and engaging in dialogue with the broader world after graduation.