

**SAMPLE Four-Year Plan**  
**B.S. English Creative Writing**  
**FALL 2023 Requirements**

The curriculum in the English Creative Writing major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that an English Creative Writing degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

**First Year**

Fall Semester	Units
<b>English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading</b>	3
Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3
U.S. Racial/Ethnic Diversity Course	3
General Education elective	3
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>14</b>

Spring Semester	Units
<b>English 102 Intro College Writing, Reading, Research</b>	3
Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3
Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
University Requirement GN/GQ course	3
<b>Minor course</b>	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

**Notes:** The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encourage to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration).

**Opportunities:** There are several co-curricular opportunities for students interested in creative writing. *The Muse* is the UW-Whitewater student arts and literary magazine <https://blogs.uww.edu/themuse/>. The Warhawk Reading Series allows students to read and interact with visiting writers <https://thewarhawkreadingseries.wordpress.com/>.

**Second Year**

Fall Semester	Units
English 274 Creative Writing	3
English 206, 216, 226, or 236	3
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3
BS Requirement Math/Stats/CompSci course	3
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring Semester	Units
English 276 Reading as Writers	3
English 281 Language Study or PWP 310 Grammar SWE	3
English 375 Fiction Writing	3
University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16-17</b>

**Opportunities:** Many creative writing majors plan a study abroad experience during their sophomore year. Travel opportunities can be found through the Center for Global Education (<http://www.uww.edu/international>). In addition, faculty routinely organize and lead travel study courses that involve in-class learning during the semester followed by a short-term travel experience either in the US or abroad. Undergraduate research is highly recommended for students who have an interest in attending graduate school in the future. Completing a directed research project with a faculty mentor has many benefits: it develops a student's critical thinking and writing abilities, signals to graduate school programs that a student is prepared for independent research of their own, and it can provide a student with financial support since many undergraduate research opportunities are paid.



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**Third Year**

Fall Semester	Units
English 373 Poetry Writing	3
Nine units from: English 376, 378, 386, 387, 388, 488, 493	3
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication	3
BS Requirement Lab Science course	4-5
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16-17</b>

Spring Semester	Units
English Literature 300/400 course	3
Nine units from: English 376, 378, 386, 387, 388, 488, 493	3
Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3
Minor course	3
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

**Notes:** Creative writing majors select one course from a range of 300/400-level English literature courses. Topics include Literature of Disability, Literature on Film, American Minority Women Writers, Shakespeare, and more. Students also get to select nine units from the following English courses: 376 Screen-writing, 378 Prose Stylistics, 386 Nature Writing, 387 Special Topics Writing Workshop, 388 The Current Writing Scene, 488 Advanced Writers' Workshop (required in the major and can be repeated for credit), and 493 Applied Study: Internship in Writing.

**Opportunities:** An internship is not required for the creative writing major but can be a great opportunity for practical experience. An internship is an experiential learning opportunity that provides students with hands-on experience in a potential career field, supervision and coaching from prospective employers, and the ability to learn professional norms and behaviors. In addition, completing an internship allows students to differentiate themselves in a competitive job market. Students should begin planning for an internship by the beginning of the junior year and can complete the internship in the junior or senior year.

**Fourth Year**

Fall Semester	Units
English 380 Creative Nonfiction	3
Nine units from: English 376, 378, 386, 387, 388, 488, 493	3
Minor course	3
Elective course	3
Elective course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring Semester	Units
English 488 Advanced Writers' Studio	3
Minor course	3
Elective course	3
Elective course	3
Elective course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

**Notes:** Students who move efficiently through the coursework in this major could add a certificate without extending time to degree. Completion of a certificate enables you to acquire additional tools for your toolbox by focusing on a specific skill that will complement your degree program and deepen knowledge in an area that is desirable to future employers. All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

**Opportunities:** LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

**Planning for Graduation:** Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.

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