

# CREATIVE WRITING MAJOR, BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Mission Statement: The Creative Writing Program develops students' abilities in creative writing in the genres of poetry, fiction, and non-fiction on a foundation of study of significant literary texts in British, American, and world literature.

Creative Writing is a studio program designed to help students publish their artistic work. It is not intended to prepare a student for a specific career; however, our creative writing graduates, while publishing artistic work, have found diversified careers in editing, publishing, grant writing, teaching, professional schools and many fields less directly related to their writing abilities. Courses in technical communications are complementary to these career interests.

Note: two years of a single high school foreign language or one year of a single college-level foreign language is required.

Students in the Creative Writing option are encouraged to register for 5+ credits from the following list of Breadth Area Core Requirements: HUMN 210 or HUMN 211 or history courses appropriate to the student's area of literary interest.

Some substitutions may be allowed.

## Pre-Major Requirements

CRWR 111	CREATIVE WRITING ORIENTATION	1
CRWR 210	INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE WRITING (students must complete this course with a grade $\geq$ B)	5

## Required Workshops—choose two from the following 10

Note: courses from the workshop sequence require a  $\geq$ B average for the two courses together.

CRWR 217	BEGINNING FICTION WORKSHOP
CRWR 218	BEGINNING POETRY WORKSHOP
CRWR 219	BEGINNING NONFICTION WORKSHOP

## Required CRWR Foundational Literature Surveys

CRWR 301	FOUNDATIONAL TEXTS: PROSE	5
CRWR 302	FOUNDATIONAL TEXTS: POETRY	5

## Required English Literature Surveys—CRWR majors are required to choose three (some substitutions may be allowed) 15

ENGL 343	SURVEY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE I
ENGL 344	SURVEY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE II
ENGL 345	BRITISH LITERATURE I: BEGINNINGS THROUGH 18TH CENTURY
ENGL 346	BRITISH LITERATURE II: ROMANTICISM TO THE PRESENT
ENGL 347	WORLD LITERATURES
ENGL 350	SHAKESPEARE
ENGL/IDST 380	SURVEY OF NATIVE AMERICAN LITERATURE
ENGL/AAST 381	CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE
ENGL 384	FOLKLORE
ENGL 385	MYTHOLOGY
ENGL 387	LITERATURE OF THE BIBLE

ENGL/GWSS 389	WOMEN, LITERATURE AND SOCIAL CHANGE	
<b>Required Form and Theory Writing Courses—choose two from the following</b>		<b>10</b>
CRWR 311	FORM AND THEORY OF FICTION	
CRWR 312	FORM AND THEORY OF POETRY	
CRWR 313	FORM AND THEORY OF LITERARY NONFICTION	
<b>Required Workshop—must be repeated twice with choice of Fiction, Nonfiction or Poetry</b>		<b>10</b>
CRWR 417	CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP	
<b>Additional Creative Writing credits—choose from the following</b>		<b>5</b>
CRWR 311	FORM AND THEORY OF FICTION	
CRWR 312	FORM AND THEORY OF POETRY	
CRWR 313	FORM AND THEORY OF LITERARY NONFICTION	
CRWR 415	PRACTICUM: WILLOW SPRINGS MAGAZINE, LIT. EDITING AND DESIGN (variable credit course)	
CRWR 416	PRACTICUM: WILLOW SPRINGS BOOKS, LIT. ED. AND DESIGN (variable credit course)	
CRWR 417	CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP	
DESN 360	PUBLICATION DESIGN	
<b>Senior Thesis</b>		
CRWR 491	CREATIVE WRITING SENIOR THESIS (must have senior status or have completed all 200–400 level requirements)	5
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>71</b>

## University Competencies and Proficiencies

English (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#newitemtext>)

Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#mathcompproficienciestext>)

Placement and Clearance Exams (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/placement/>)

Prior Learning/Sources of Credit AP, CLEP, IB (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/prior-learning/>)

## General Education Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#generaleducationrequirementstext>) (GER)

- Minimum Credits—180 cumulative credit hours
  - 60 upper-division credits (300 level or above)
  - 45 credits in residence (attendance) at Eastern, with at least 15 upper-division credits in major in residence at Eastern
- Minimum Cumulative GPA  $\geq$ 2.0

## Breadth Area Core Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#generaleducationcorerequirementsgecrttext>) (BACR)

Humanities and Arts (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#humanitiesandfineartsgecrttext>)

Natural Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#naturalsciencesgecrttext>)

Social Sciences (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#socialsciencesgecrttext>)

University Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#universitygraduationrequirements>) (**UGR**)

Diversity Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#cultureandgenderdiversityintheuslist>)

Foreign Language (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#foreignlanguageugr>) (for Bachelor of Arts)

Global Studies Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#internationalstudiesrequirement>)

Minor or Certificate (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#majorminororcertificateugr>)

Senior Capstone Course List (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#capstonecourselist>)

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All admitted students must officially Declare a Major (<https://inside.ewu.edu/center-for-academic-advising-and-retention/academic-planning-tools/declare-your-major/>) by the time they reach 90 credits (junior standing).

Application for Graduation (use EagleNET (<https://inside.ewu.edu/eaglenet/>)) must be made at least two terms in advance of the term you expect to graduate (undergraduate and post-baccalaureate).

Use the Catalog Archives (<https://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/>) to determine two important catalog years (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2021-2022/undergraduate-degree/#activecatalogrule>).

SOAR (<https://soar.ewu.edu/selfservice/general/home.html>) calculates based on these two catalog years.

1. The catalog *in effect at the student's first term* of current matriculation is used to determine **BACR** (Breadth Area Credit Requirements) **and UGR** (Undergraduate Graduation Requirements).
2. The catalog *in effect at the time the student declares a major or minor* is used to determine the program requirements.

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**Graduates of EWU's BA in ENGL/CRWR should be able to:**

- analyze works of literature using the technical language of the craft specific to their genre of study (literary fiction, literary nonfiction, poetry);
- articulate a critical understanding of the contemporary literary landscape;
- demonstrate an understanding of the publishing process;
- produce texts that conform to the conventions specific to the genre being studied (literary fiction, literary nonfiction, or poetry);
- provide constructive criticism of written works in progress.