



Creative Writing A.A.

Career Community: History, Humanities, and English

Curriculum Code: 1623

Effective: Fall 2025 – Summer 2030

Purpose of the Major

This degree is designed for students who intend to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Creative Writing, a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing, or an English Degree with a concentration in Creative Writing. Students completing this degree will also satisfy the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) between two-year and four-year institutions in Michigan. This degree includes a set of courses common to History, Humanities, and English majors and many transfer institutions. Students are encouraged to work with an academic advisor and program advisor to explore transfer opportunities.

Not all courses in this pathway transfer to all colleges. Students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution should select coursework indicated for that institution.

Milestone

In addition to the required General Education courses in Math and English, completion of ENGL 200 and ENGL 261 with a 2.0 or higher is a key component for success in completing this program. Knowledge obtained in these courses is the foundation for learning in other required courses. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in these courses.

Additional Information

A student must earn a minimum grade of 2.0 in all courses.

Contact Information

For further information, including career options, course substitutions and waivers, etc., contact the English Department, Arts and Sciences Building, Room 2203, telephone number 517-483-1061.

Major Required Courses - Some courses meet General Education requirements for MTA.

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ACAD 100	First-Year Experience	1 / 1
COMM 120 or	Dynamics of Communication	3 / 3
COMM 130 or	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 / 3
COMM 200 or	Small Group Communication	3 / 3
COMM 240 or	Interpersonal Communication	3 / 3
COMM 260 or	Nonverbal Communication	3 / 3
ENGL 122 or	Composition II	4 / 4
ENGL 132	Honors Composition II	4 / 4
ENGL 121 or	Composition I	4 / 4
ENGL 131	Honors Composition I	4 / 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ENGL 200	Introduction to Literature	3 / 3
ENGL 261	Creative Writing I	3 / 3
ENGL 278	Writing the Novel	3 / 3
ENGL 279	Prose Style	3 / 3
MATH 119 or MATH 120 or STAT 170	Math – Applications for Living	4 / 4
	College Algebra	4 / 4
	Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4

Notes:

ACAD 100 may be waived when students meet one of the following College-approved waiver criteria:

- Completion of 12 college-level credits with minimum grades of 2.0 shown on the LCC transcript (including transfer, if applicable), or
- Employment in the field of, or a field related to, the degree being sought, or
- For Health Careers students, successful completion of CHSE 100.

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University (BA) choose ENGL 122.
- Central Michigan University (BS) choose ENGL 122 and STAT 170.
- Eastern Michigan University (Creative Writing concentration or Creative Writing minor or Professional Writing concentration) choose ENGL 122.
- Ferris State University (Technical or Professional Communications or Creative Writing minor) choose ENGL 122 and, MATH 119 or MATH 120.
- Grand Valley State University (Writing BA) choose COMM 120 or 130, and MATH 120.
- Grand Valley State University (Writing BS) choose COMM 120 or 130, and STAT 170.
- Michigan State University (Creative Writing or Professional Writing) choose COMM 130 and MATH 120.
- University of Michigan Ann Arbor choose ENGL 122 and STAT 170.
- University of Michigan Flint (English BA with Creative Writing/Workplace Writing) choose ENGL 122 and, MATH 119 or 120.
- Western Michigan University (Creative Writing) choose ENGL 122 and, MATH 119 or STAT 170.

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice - *Select one.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ARTH 211	Art History to the Renaissance	4 / 4
ARTH 212	Art Hist from the Renaissance	4 / 4
HIST 211	U.S. History to 1877	4 / 4
HIST 212	U.S. History: 1877 to Present	4 / 4
HIST 215	World History to 1500	4 / 4
HIST 216	World History from 1500	4 / 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3 / 3
PHIL 151	Intro to Logic & Critical Think	4 / 4
RELG 150	Intro to World Religions	4 / 4
RELG 210	Comparative Religions	4 / 4

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice– Natural Sciences - *Select two from different disciplines, including one lab course, as indicated for each major and transfer institution. If specific courses are not recommended for your institution and major, choose any two recommended courses from different disciplines or choose from [LCC General Education Transfer Degrees: Natural Sciences](#).*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 275	Biological Anthropology	4 / 4
ANTH 280	Forensic Anthropology	3 / 3
ASTR 201	Introductory Astronomy	4 / 5
BIOL 120	Environmental Science	4 / 6
BIOL 125	Intro Biology for Non-Majors	4 / 6
CHEM 135	Chemistry in Society	4 / 5
GEOG 206	Physical Geography	4 / 4
GEOG 220	Weather, Forecasting, and Climate	4 / 4
GEOL 221	Physical Geology	4 / 6
ISCI 131	Integrated Physical Science	4 / 6
PFHW 123	Human Nutrition	3 / 3
PHYS 120	The Art of Physics	4 / 5

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University choose BIOL 120 and a non-Biology course.
- Ferris State University choose BIOL 125 and a non-Biology course.
- Michigan State University choose BIOL 120 or BIOL 125, and ASTR 201 or CHEM 135 or ISCI 131 or PHYS 120.

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice– Social Science - *Select two from different disciplines, as indicated for each major and transfer institution. If specific courses are not recommended for your institution and major, choose any two recommended courses from different disciplines or choose from [LCC General Education Transfer Degrees: Social Science](#).*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 270	Cultural Anthropology	3 / 3
ANTH 271	Medical Anthropology	3 / 3
ANTH 276	Introduction to Archaeology	3 / 3
COMM 270	Mass Communication	3 / 3
COMM 280	Intercultural Communication	3 / 3
ECON 120	Power, Authority, and Exchange	4 / 4
ECON 201	Principles of Economics-Micro	4 / 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ECON 202	Principles of Economics-Macro	4 / 4
EDUC 204	Educational Psychology	3 / 3
EDUC 220	Foundations of Education	3 / 3
GEOG 200	World Regional Geography	4 / 4
POLS 120	American Political System	4 / 4
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology	4 / 4
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4

Notes:

Students not planning to transfer and interested in freelance writing/publishing choose COMM 270 and a non-COMM course.

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University (Language and Literature BS with Creative Writing Concentration, Minor, or Undergraduate certificate) choose PSYC 200 and SOCL 120.
- Ferris State University (Technical and Professional Communications or Creative Writing minor) choose COMM 270 and a non-COMM course.
- Grand Valley State University (Writing BS) choose COMM 270 and, ECON 201 or ECON 202 or GEOG 200 or POLS 120 or PSYC 200 or SOCL 120.
- University of Michigan Ann Arbor choose from ANTH 270 or COMM 270 and, ECON 201 or ECON 202 or GEOG 200 or POLS 120 or PSYC 200 or SOCL 120.

General Education - Transfer Degrees (MTA)

- English Composition
Major Required Courses meet this requirement.
- English Composition (second course) or Communication
Major Required Courses meet this requirement.
- Humanities and Fine Arts
Major Required Limited Choice Courses meet this requirement.
- Mathematics
Major Required Courses meet this requirement.
- Natural Sciences
Major Required Limited Choice Courses meet this requirement.
- Social Sciences
Major Required Limited Choice Courses meet this requirement.

Elective Courses, Recommended Choices—Select courses to reach the minimum 60 total credits required for this degree. (For the full list of options see [AA and AS Degree Electives](#).)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ARTS 102	2D Design	3 / 4
ARTS 131	Drawing I	3 / 5.25
ARTS 164	Digital Illustration	3 / 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ARTS 171	Adobe Photoshop	3 / 4
ARTS 173	Web Design I	3 / 4
BUSN 118	Introduction to Business	3 / 3
CITP 110	Intro to Programming - Python	4 / 4
COMM 130	Fundamentals Public Speaking	3 / 3
COMM 270	Mass Communication	3 / 3
ENGL 124	Technical Writing	3 / 3
ENGL 127	Business Writing	3 / 3
ENGL 208	Children's Literature	4 / 4
ENGL 211	World Literature I	4 / 4
ENGL 212	World Literature II	4 / 4
ENGL 220	Science Fiction	4 / 4
ENGL 240	The Film as Art	4 / 4
ENGL 255	American Lit to 1865	4 / 4
ENGL 256	American Lit 1865 to Present	4 / 4
ENGL 260	African-American Literature	4 / 4
ENGL 266	British Lit to 1800	4 / 4
ENGL 267	British Lit 1800 to Present	4 / 4
ENGL 270	Gender and Literature	4 / 4
ENGL 290	Shakespeare	4 / 4
GRMN 121 or	Elementary German I	4 / 4
GRMN 122 or	Elementary German II	4 / 4
JAPN 121 or	Elementary Japanese I	4 / 4
JAPN 122 or	Elementary Japanese II	4 / 4
JAPN 201 or	Intermediate Japanese I	4 / 4
JAPN 202 or	Intermediate Japanese II	4 / 4
SPAN 121 or	Elementary Spanish I	4 / 4
SPAN 122 or	Elementary Spanish II	4 / 4
SPAN 201 or	Intermediate Spanish I	4 / 4
SPAN 202	Intermediate Spanish II	4 / 4
MKTG 200	Principles of Marketing	3 / 3
PSYC 202	Psychology of Personality	3 / 3
PSYC 203	Social Psychology	3 / 3
SOCL 260	Race and Ethnicity	3 / 3

Notes:

Students not planning to transfer and interested in freelance writing/publishing choose a combination of courses from Business (ACCG, BUSN, MKTG), Art and Design (ARTS), and English (ENGL).

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University (BA with Creative Concentration, Minor, or Undergraduate Certificate) choose ENGL 260 or 270, and 4 from JAPN or SPAN 121, 122, 201, and 202.

- Central Michigan University (BS with Creative Concentration, Minor, or Undergraduate Certificate) choose 1 from ENGL 208 or ENGL 220 or ENGL 260 or ENGL 270 or ENGL 290, and choose PSYC 202, PSYC 203, and SOCL 260.
- Eastern Michigan University (Creative Writing concentration or Creative Writing minor or Professional Writing concentration) choose ENGL 208, 220, 260 and 290.
- Ferris State University (Technical and Professional Communications or Creative Writing minor) choose COMM 130, and 4 from ENGL 208, 220, 255, 256, 260, 266, 267, 270 or 290.
- Grand Valley State University (Writing BA) choose ARTS 102, ARTS 171, ARTS 173, ENGL 124, and JAPN or SPAN 121, JAPN or SPAN 122, and JAPN or SPAN 201.
- Grand Valley State University (Writing BS) choose ARTS 102, ARTS 171, ARTS 173, CITP 110, ENGL 124, and ENGL 127.
- Michigan State University (Creative Writing or Professional Writing) choose ENGL 124 and JAPN or SPAN 121, 122, 201, and 202.
- University of Michigan Ann Arbor choose SPAN 121, 122, 201, and 202.
- University of Michigan Flint (English BA with Creative Writing/Workplace Writing) choose ENGL 124, ENGL 127, ENGL 290, and GRMN or JAPN or SPAN 121 and 122.
- Western Michigan University (Creative Writing) choose 2 from ENGL 255 or ENGL 256 or ENGL 266 or ENGL 267, and choose ENGL 260, and GRMN or JAPN or SPAN 121 and 122.

Minimum Total Credit Hours

60 credits / 60 billing hours

Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I
ACAD 100
ENGL 121 or 131
ENGL 200
Limited Choice – Social Sciences
Elective

Semester II
COMM 120 or COMM 130 or COMM 200 or COMM 240 or COMM 260 or ENGL 122 or ENGL 132
ENGL 261
MATH 119 or MATH 120 or STAT 170
Limited Choice
Limited Choice – Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab
Elective

Semester III
ENGL 278
Limited Choice – Natural Sciences Lab or Applied Sciences and Technology Lab
Limited Choice – Social Sciences

Semester III
Elective

Semester IV
ENGL 279
Electives as needed for total credits

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