

# English, MFA

## Requirements

The Master of Fine Arts degree in English (creative writing) requires 48 s.h. of graduate credit taken over four semesters in residence at the University of Iowa. Students must maintain a UI cumulative grade-point average of 2.75.

Students specialize in fiction or poetry. Up to 18 s.h. of graduate transfer credit may be counted toward the degree.

The MFA in English with a creative writing subprogram requires the following coursework.

## Required Workshops

Course #	Title	Hours
One of the these:		
CW:7870	Fiction Workshop (taken four times for 1-6 s.h. each)	4-24
CW:7875	Poetry Workshop (taken four times for 1-6 s.h. each)	4-24

Students must enroll in one of these workshops during each semester of residence in the program. In each course, groups of 10-15 students read and critique each other's work.

## Elective Courses

In conjunction with an advisor, students select courses that align with their creative research interests. The program is flexible and individualized. Elective coursework may be selected from any course subject numbered 3000 or above and must bring the total credit for the MFA to 48 s.h.

The program's seminars provide students with a thorough knowledge of their chosen literary form and related aspects of craft. Seminars include CW:7810 Form of Fiction, CW:7820 Form of Poetry, CW:7830 Seminar: Problems in Modern Fiction, and CW:7840 Seminar: Problems in Modern Poetry. Each focuses on a single aspect of modern poetry or fiction, such as a single writer's work or a body of work with a common theme or purpose.

In addition to taking creative writing program courses, MFA students can choose courses offered by other University of Iowa departments and programs, such as the Center for the Book (Graduate College), and the departments of Theatre Arts, Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures, and English (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences).

## Examination and Thesis

During the second year of the program, each student must take the MFA examination, an essay exam that may be written outside of the classroom. Students may choose to enroll in CW:7895 MFA Thesis for a maximum of 12 s.h. and submit their graduate thesis during the last semester; the thesis is a fiction or poetry manuscript of substantial length.