English (nonfiction writing), M.F.A.

Sample Plan of Study
Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

Course Title Hours
Academic Career
Any Semester
48 s.h. of graduate level coursework must be completed; graduate transfer credits allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. a, b
Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00.

First Year
Fall
CNW:6620 or CNW:6610 Nonfiction Writing Workshop c 4
CNW:6654 Forms of the Essay d, e 3
CNW:5375 Teaching in a Writing Center d, f 3

Hours 10

Spring
CNW:6620 or CNW:6610 Nonfiction Writing Workshop c 4
Seminar Elective d 3
Seminar Elective d 3

Hours 10

Second Year
Fall
CNW:6620 or CNW:6610 Nonfiction Writing Workshop c 4
Seminar Elective d 3
Seminar Elective d 3

Hours 10

Spring
CNW:6620 or CNW:6610 Nonfiction Writing Workshop c 4
CNW:6666 Performance and Profession d 3
Seminar Elective d 3

Hours 10

Third Year
Fall
CNW:7950 Thesis in Nonfiction Writing g 2
CNW:6630 Graduate Thesis Workshop c 4

Hours 6

Spring
CNW:7950 Thesis in Nonfiction Writing g 2

Hours 2

Total Hours 48

a Work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate graduate coursework and sequence of workshops, seminars, and electives.
b Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.
c Total of five workshops (20 s.h.) from courses numbered CNW:6610 to CNW:6630 is required.
d Total of eight seminar courses is required. At least six courses (18 s.h.) must be from courses numbered CNW:6650 to CNW:6666 (CNW:6666 required during second year spring semester); two courses numbered 3000 or above (maximum of 6 s.h.) may be from any department.
e Required first year fall semester course; counts towards seminar requirement.
f Note: CNW:5375 is optional but required for future appointments in Writing Center; counts towards seminar requirement.
g Complete a total of 4-8 s.h. of thesis credit with a maximum of 2 s.h. each semester; select your director from list when registering for CNW:7950.