English (nonfiction writing), MFA

Requirements

The Master of Fine Arts program in English with a nonfiction writing subprogram requires a minimum of 48 s.h. of graduate credit taken at the University of Iowa. Students must earn a minimum UI cumulative grade-point average of 2.75. The program is designed for accomplished students and writers of literary nonfiction; most complete it in three years.

In addition to coursework, students are required to complete a thesis. The thesis may be a single extended piece of nonfiction, a collection of shorter nonfiction pieces, or a collection of essays. Whatever the project, the thesis is expected to be of publishable quality. The program culminates in a thesis of at least 75 pages. Students have plentiful room in their schedules to take advantage of a variety of electives offered by the English department and all other University of Iowa departments.

Department of English graduate courses are repeatable with the written approval of the department's director of graduate studies.

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

Required Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
CNW:6400	Nonfiction Writing Program Salon	4
CNW:6630	Graduate Thesis Workshop	4
CNW:6651	A History of the Essay	4
CNW:6666	Performance and Profession	3

Essay Writing

Course #	Title	Hours
CNW:6610	Essay Writing Workshop (taken four times for 3 s.h. each)	12

Seminar Electives

Course #	Title	Hours
15 s.h. from these:		
CNW:5375	Teaching in a Writing Center	3
CNW:6600	Teaching Nonfiction	3
CNW:6650	Readings in Nonfiction	3
CNW:6654	Forms of the Essay	3
CNW:6656	Approaches to Nonfiction	3
CNW:6660	Twenty-first-Century Nonfiction	3
ENGL:6960	Colloquium: Teaching Literature	2
ENGL:6961	Teaching Literature II	1
RHET:5350	Colloquium: Teaching Rhetoric	3

Thesis

Course #	Title	Hours
CNW:7950	Thesis in Nonfiction Writing (taken two times for 3 s.h. each)	6

For more information, consult the director of the Nonfiction Writing Program.