ASU’s creative writing concentration gives you an opportunity to develop a literary voice that serves your academic, professional and artistic goals. Renowned, award-winning writers guide your engagement in supportive and rigorous workshops that enable your expressive growth.

Program Description

Students in the creative writing concentration of the BA program in English study and practice the art of writing poetry and fiction.

Students gain practical experience through writing workshops and internship opportunities that prepare them for an ever-expanding variety of careers in writing, publishing, editing, teaching, media and public relations. The undergraduate program also prepares students to continue their studies in graduate and professional programs.

The undergraduate program features an outstanding faculty that has published more than 80 books and has garnered national and international attention and awards.

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit the college's website for more information and requirements.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
Required Courses (Major Map)

2023 - 2024 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree with:

English, MA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and how to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

Tuition Information

When it comes to paying for college, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the Change of Major form for information about how to change a major to this program.
Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU® to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Program Learning Outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Production of a portfolio of creative writing: original poetry or fiction, with attention to content and form, via significant revision process informed by craft lessons.
- Students will evaluate a work-in-progress in poetry or fiction and provide constructive feedback.
- Students will be able to produce literary works (poems and stories) held to have merit by class peers and professor.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

Study abroad expands students' perspectives by exposing them to new and unique cultures, communities and people. Students can explore the English language at a deeper level through an extended lens of dialects, literature and terminology in one of over 300 study abroad programs.

Students can enhance their resumes with the educational experience and heightened cultural competency, communication and critical thinking skills they acquire through study abroad.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends these study abroad programs for students majoring in English with a concentration in creative writing.

Career Opportunities

Employers in all fields are always looking for individuals with strong writing and communication skills and the ability to think critically, skills that a bachelor's degree in English with a concentration in creative writing provides. Some of the most common professions for English majors are in these fields:

- business
- editing
- journalism
- law
- medicine
- nonprofit community service
- professional writing
- public relations
- publishing
- teaching
- web content development

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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