

CREATIVE WRITING

Courses

ENGL 5441 Fiction

6 Credits

Corequisite: ENGL 5991.

The course is an intensive, ten-day program of study. Students must submit two creative pieces to their respective workshop faculty prior to the residency and attend daily workshops. Within the workshops, they must actively participate, both orally and by providing written comments on their peers' work. Students must attend at least six afternoon seminars, lectures, or panel discussions presented by resident faculty and visiting experts. Preparation for each event involves students having completed a required reading list. After the seminar, a student must submit written critiques of what they learned. Finally, all students must attend evening readings by faculty. At the end of the residency, students work out a semester plan with their assigned mentor for the following semester. This plan must be approved and signed by the mentor and submitted to the MFA administration.

ENGL 5442 Non-Fiction

6 Credits

Corequisite: ENGL 5992.

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ENGL 5443 Poetry

6 Credits

Corequisite: ENGL 5993.

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ENGL 5444 Stage and Screen

6 Credits

Corequisite: ENGL 5994.

This course is composed of workshops in the area of Writing for Stage and Screen and all other requirements during one graduate MFA residency. Workshop topics include the writing of plays and screenplay as well as principles and application of dramatic structure. Students will actively participate, both orally and by providing written comments on their peers' work. Students must attend at least five afternoon seminars, lectures, or panel discussions.

ENGL 5445 MFA Residency Full Term

0 Credits

Fee: \$1265

A course that represents attendance at in-person residency at Enders Island, Mystic, CT for the MFA program.

ENGL 5446 MFA Residency Half Term

0 Credits

Fee: \$632.5

A course that represents half-residency (four-day) attendance at in-person residency at Enders Island, Mystic, CT for the MFA program.

ENGL 5990 Directed Independent Study

3 Credits

This independent study course comprises a semester's work with a faculty mentor in preparation for entering the MFA program and as a companion to the certificate program. A schedule and program of study is developed by both the student and assigned faculty mentor, including approximately 15 books and supplemental readings and twenty pages of analysis and discussion of craft during the semester. Students will normally have completed the 12-credit creative writing certificate program and will be either in the process of applying to or already accepted to the MFA program.

ENGL 5991 Independent Study: Fiction

1-9 Credits

This course is a five-month, intensive distance-learning writing program of study developed by both the student and their assigned mentor. Under the mentor's guidance, the student will develop a plan to improve their ability to write in one genre of fiction (e.g., the short story, the novel, the historical novel). The student will be required to write a minimum of 100 pages, spread out over five monthly submissions to the mentor, and the mentor will respond with specific written notes analyzing the work's strengths and weaknesses. In addition, the student will be required to read a minimum of two books per month and to write two essays on some element of the craft, totaling ten craft essays during the term. The mentor will provide feedback on all of the student's writing, accentuated by both a midterm assessment of the student's development and a final assessment along with a grade.

ENGL 5992 Independent Study: Non-Fiction

6 or 9 Credits

This course is a five-month, intensive distance-learning writing program of study developed by both the student and their assigned mentor. Under the mentor's guidance, the student will develop a plan to improve their ability to write short personal essays or the memoir. The student will be required to write a minimum of 100 pages, spread out over five monthly submissions to the mentor, and the mentor will respond with specific written notes analyzing the work's strengths and weaknesses. In addition, the student will be required to read a minimum of two books per month and to write two essays on some element of the craft, totaling ten craft essays during the term. The mentor will provide feedback on all of the student's writing, accentuated by both a midterm assessment of the student's development and a final assessment along with a grade.

ENGL 5993 Independent Study: Poetry

6 or 9 Credits

This course is a five-month, intensive distance-learning writing program of study developed by both the student and their assigned mentor. Under the mentor's guidance, the student will develop a plan to improve their ability to write poetry. The student will be required to write a minimum of 20 new poems, spread out over five monthly submissions to the mentor, and the mentor will respond with specific written notes analyzing the work's strengths and weaknesses. In addition, the student will be required to read a minimum of two books per month and to write two essays on some element of poetry craft, totaling ten craft essays during the term. The mentor will provide feedback on all of the student's writing, accentuated by both a mid-term assessment of the student's development and a final assessment.

ENGL 5994 Independent Study: Stage and Screen 6 or 9 Credits

This distance-learning independent study comprises a semester's work with a faculty mentor for the MFA program, focusing on writing plays, screenplays, and cross-genre work as well as work in dramatic and narrative structure. A schedule and program of study is developed by both the student and assigned faculty mentor, including approximately 100 pages of creative work as well as a list of books and supplemental readings, and ten pages of analysis and discussion of craft during the semester.