

Department of English Language and Literature

MINOR IN CREATIVE WRITING

A minor in Creative Writing gives students a chance to make art — poems, stories, works for performance — out of words, and also to consider literature from a maker's perspective.

Our creative writing minors come from all over the university: some major in English;* some major in other disciplines, entirely. What brings our students together is an experience of the vitality of both written and spoken word.

Students who declare a Minor in Creative Writing must take:

- at least twelve (12) credit hours in Creative Writing, in more than one genre**
- twelve (12) credit hours more in English courses beyond the first year level***

* Students who wish to major in English and minor in Creative Writing must take forty-eight (48) credit hours in English courses above three (3) credit hours in ENGL at the 1000-level and fulfill the requirements of both programs.

** CREATIVE WRITING COURSES, 2023/4:

I. Seminar-style creative-writing workshops

Admission to these courses is based on submission of a writing sample to the relevant instructor.

3792.1 Writing Poetry F 10:00-12:30 (L. Hathaway)
3375.1 Writing Fiction I TR 10:00-11:15 (G. Hlongwane)
3376.2 Writing Fiction II TR 10:00-11:15 (G. Hlongwane)
3383.2 Writing Prose Non-Fiction F 10:00-12:30 (L. Hathaway)
3793.1 Writing for Performance W 7:00-9:30 (R. Sewell)

II. Lecture-based courses that can count towards the Creative Writing minor

3600.1 Linguistics and Literature W 1:00-3:30 (offered c/o SMU at the Halifax Public Library)
3306.1 Poetics of the Archive TR 1:00-2:15

*** OTHER RECOMMENDED COURSES FOR CW MINORS, 2023/4:

2391.1 Study of Short Fiction MW 10:00-11:15
2341.1 Intro. to Drama I TR 11:30-12:45
2461.2 Mikmaq Storytelling & Lit. W 7:00-9:30
2342.2 Intro. to Drama II TR 11:30-12:45
2393.2 Study of Poetry TR 1:00-2:15

Students with an interest in visual storytelling may also want to consider 2511.1 Reading Film TR 2:30-4:30

Creative Writing Program Coordinators

Dr. Alexander MacLeod, alexander.macleod@smu.ca (fiction; on leave in fall 2023)
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