

Creative Writing Certificate

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options each semester of full time enrollment, therefore cannot issue an I-20 or DS 2019 to F-1 and J-1 students for this program. If you are an F-1 or J-1 student and wish to enroll in a CAPS program while here on a Visa, please contact our recruitment team to discuss your options for face-to-face program enrollment. F-1 and J-1 students should not enroll in online courses or programs without first consulting the university's Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS).

Requirements

Certificate in Creative Writing

Students may specialize in fiction or creative nonfiction. Each student will take the 3-unit foundational course "Writing Across the Genres" (CAPS-ECOMP 1300) in their first term in the program and, in successive terms, four 3-credit, advanced-level (3000 or higher) courses, including two courses devoted to mastering the craft of writing in the chosen specialty genre, one course primarily in reading and analysis of the literature in that genre, and one course in a second genre.

The student's final course in the program will be taken for 4 credits rather than the usual 3, and it will include a 1-credit meta-commentary assignment. This assignment requires students to step back from the particular course and describe (in 1500 words) what they have learned about the differences between and similarities among the genres investigated and how these have affected their choice of genre. Students should look at the strategies they have chosen in their writing and explain why they chose them for a particular purpose. The goals of this assignment are for students to demonstrate the skills that they have learned during the course of their certificate studies as they think about the genres they have examined and to show how these skills govern their approach to creative writing.

Sample courses include the following:

Code	Title	Units
CAPS-ECOMP 3110	Poetry Writing	3
CAPS-ECOMP 3130	Fiction Writing: The Moral of the Story: Writing Fiction About Ethics, Philosophy, and Morality	3
CAPS-ECOMP 3200	The Art of the Personal Essay	3
CAPS-ECOMP 3271	Nonfiction: Reading and Writing the Memoir	3
CAPS-ECOMP 3280	Creative Nonfiction: Writing Ourselves, Writing the World	3
CAPS-ECOMP 3997	Fiction Seminar	3
CAPS-ECOMP 4500	Fundamentals of Novel Writing	3

This program is offered either mostly or fully online. Students entering the U.S. on an F-1 or J-1 Visa must enroll in a program full time. F-1 students are only permitted to enroll in one online course per semester and J-1 students may only enroll in non-credit online courses that do not count toward their degree program. The School of Continuing & Professional Studies (CAPS) cannot guarantee face-to-face enrollment