Concentration: Creative Writing

Learn how to narrate preserve, and uplift your stories and the stories of others while studying the world's best-known and most-loved authors.

As a creative writing major, you will learn the elements of craft and practice writing in multiple genres, including fiction, poetry, nonfiction, and drama. We also offer a variety of specialized courses in screenwriting, young adult literature, slam poetry, flash fiction, and more!

We Prepare You for Employment

As a creative writing major at Mount Mary, you will be a part of a nurturing community of writers who will help you develop your unique writing voice and style. You will also learn the art of vivid storytelling that captures the attention of potential customers and establishes a clear brand – an essential skill for any business or organization. Whether you major in creative writing alone or add coursework in writing for new media or graphic design, creative writers are in high demand in the workplace.

Internships

Mount Mary University English majors have participated in internships at the following organizations:

- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- · Coalition for Children, Youth & Families
- First Stage Milwaukee
- Kalmbach Publishing
- Literacy Services of Wisconsin
- Manpower
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- MetroPARENT Magazine

- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee Magazine
- Milwaukee Zoological Society
- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Reiman Publications
- Robert W. Baird and Co.
- Shepherd Express
- Wisconsin Public Radio

Student Activities and Opportunities

- Arches, an award-winning student feature magazine and website
- English department scholarships
- · Poetry slams and student fiction readings
- Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society
- Student mixers and campus-wide book clubs
- Writers on Writing reading series
- Student conferences, such as the ACP Best of the Midwest College Media Convention and other regional conferences

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGLISH MAJORS:

- Author
- Copywriter
- Corporate Storyteller
- Editor (Print and Multimedia)
- Educator
- Event Planner
- Freelance Writer
- Grant Writer
- Journalist
- New Media Writer
- Project Manager
- Social Media Manager
- · Technical Writer
- Web Designer/Editor
- Qualitative Researcher
- Sensitivity Reader

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Discover what more than 1,300 current undergraduate and graduate students, and 10,000+ alumnae already know: Mount Mary offers an engaging and transformational education that will prepare you for success.

Choose from more than 50 undergraduate majors or nine graduate degree programs.

Courses are offered in day, evening and accelerated formats to fit your busy lifestyle.

Did you know? 100% of incoming, full-time undergraduate students receive an academic scholarship or reduced tuition.

EXAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN



Concentration: Creative Writing

	MAJOR		CORE	ELECTIVES	
FIRST YEAR					
FALL Courses			SPRING Courses		
FYS First Year Seminar		3	ENG 120 College Research Writing		3
College Level Math		3	ENG 125 Intro to Writing for New Media		4
ENG 100 Any 100-Level lit class		3	Core/Elective/Second major		4
ENG 110 Intro to College Writing		3	Core/Elective/Second major		3
Oral Communication		3	Core/Elective/Second major		3
TOTAL		15 credits	TOTAL		12-17 credits
SOPHOMORE YEAR					
FALL Courses			SPRING Courses		
ENG 117 Intro to Creative Writing		3	ENG 125 Intro to Writing for New Media		3
ENG 220 Special Topics in Writing		4	ENG 358 Arches or 317 Advanced Creative		2 or 4
ENG 200 Level Literature		3	ENG 300 Any 300 level literature class		4
Core/Elective/Second major		3	Core/Elective/Second major		3
Core/Elective/Second major		3	Core/Elective/Second major		3
TOTAL		16-18 credits	TOTAL		15-17
JUNIOR YEAR					
FALL Courses			SPRING Courses		
ENG 485 Capstone ENG 420 Advance Special Topics in Writing		1	ENG 358 Repeat Arches or 317 Advance Creative Writing		2 or 4
		4			
ENG 222 Linguistics or 419 Business and Technical Writing		4	Core/Elective/Sec	ond major	3
			Core/Elective/Second major		3
Core/Elective/Second major		3	Core/Elective/Second major		3
Core/Elective/Second major		3	Core/Elective/Second major		3
TOTAL		15 credits	TOTAL		14-18 credits
SENIOR YEAR					
FALL Courses			SPRING Courses		
ENG 485 Capstone		1	ENG 317 Advanced Creative Writing or Repeat Arches		4
ENG 420 Advance Special Writing Topics		4	ENG 300 any 300-level Literature Class		4
ENG 222 Linguistics or 419 Business and Technical Communication		3	Core/Elective/Sec	ond major	4
			Core/Elective/Sec	ond major	4
Core/Elective/Second major		3	Core/Elective/Second major		
	TOTAL	15 credits		TOTAL	15 credits

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This example four-year plan is intended to outline the number and types of courses a student might take in order to fulfill the degree, major, core and elective requirements to graduate. Students meet with their academic advisor each semester to review progress toward fulfilling their degree requirements.