

M.A. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Creative Writing Track (36 semester hours)

I. Required Core Courses for all English MA Students (6 semester hours)

1. ENG 500 – The Discipline of English Studies
2. ENG 501 – Critical Theory

II. Required Courses for Creative Writing Track (12 semester hours)

1. Four Writing Workshops

Students are to select four poetry, fiction or creative non-fiction workshops from among courses listed in the Creative Writing category. For course categories, see the *Graduate Catalog* or *Handbook for English Graduate Students*.

III. Electives (12 semester hours)

Students are to select four electives from among courses in the following categories: General Topics and Theory, English Literature, American Literature, Comparative Literature, Composition and Rhetoric, Research and Special Topics, and the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project.

IV. Required Capstone Experience (6 semester hours)

ENG 610, Capstone Writing and Research Seminar

ENG 620, M.A. Essay (thesis)

ENG 620, M.A. Essay, to be taken under the supervision of a member of the creative writing faculty, is to result in the production of a creative thesis project. The project is to include a portfolio of original fiction, creative non-fiction or poetry and a section considering the student's literary influences and connections with contemporary literary traditions. (3 semester hours)

V. Additional Requirements

1. ENG 501 and ENG 500 are to be taken before the completion of 12 semester hours of graduate credit. ENG 610 is to be taken before ENG 620.
2. *Non-canonical requirement*: At least one of the four electives (III, above) must be taken in a topic addressing writing, literature, and/or pedagogy relating to under-represented groups.

COURSE SELECTION WORKSHEET
M.A. in English, Creative Writing Track

I. Required Core Courses for all English MA Students (6 semester hours)

| Requirement | Semester Completed |
|---|--------------------|
| ENG 500 – The Discipline of English Studies | |
| ENG 501 – Critical Theory | |

II. Required Courses for CRW Track (15 semester hours)

| Requirement | Course Name and Number | Semester Completed |
|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Writing Workshop | | |
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III. Electives (12 semester hours)

| Course Name and Number | Semester Completed | Free Elective? (yes/no) (one free elective is allowed) |
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| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |
| 4. | | |

IV. Capstone Experience (3-6 semester hours)

| Requirement | Semester Completed |
|---|--------------------|
| ENG 610 – Capstone Writing and Research Seminar | |
| ENG 620 – M.A. Essay | |

Thesis Director:
 Thesis Proposal Approved:
 Thesis Approved:

V. Additional Requirements

(Courses that satisfy the requirements above can also be used to satisfy these requirements.)

| Requirement | Course Name & Number | Semester Completed |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Non-canonical | | |

Cleared for graduation (date): _____