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The English Department's Creative Writing minor provides undergraduate students of any major with opportunities to develop as writers within a variety of creative contexts. The courses in the program enable students to develop both writing craft and technical proficiency. In addition to taking foundations courses that introduce students to the discipline, students are encouraged to take a core sequence, which will enable them to move from writing individual pieces to developing longer book-length compositions. By the program's end, students will have developed a strong representative body of work.

University Core Curriculum Requirements

General Education Distribution Area	Cr. Hrs.
Fine Arts (FA)* 2 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: Art, CMT (Mass Media or Theatre), Music (includes Dance).	6
Humanities (HU)* 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: CMT (Communication), English, Linguistics, Philosophy, Women's and Gender Studies, World Languages and Cultures, (Note: No more than two foreign language courses may be used to fulfill this requirement.)	9
Behavioral/Social Sciences (SB)* 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study: African & African American Studies, Anthropology, Computer Science, Economics, Geography & Environmental Studies, History, Justice Studies, Latino & Latin American Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work	9
Natural Sciences (NS and NSL)** 3 courses, from at least two of the following areas of study; one course must have a laboratory component (NSL): Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Physics (Note: If an FYE ANTH that counts as Natural Science is taken, only one Biology course may be used for Natural Science).	9

Engaged Learning Experiences

Students must complete, at Northeastern, three courses designated as Engaged Learning Experiences courses. One of the Engaged Learning Experiences courses must be at the 300-level, and one Engaged Learning Experiences course must be designated as "Boundary Crossing".

Discipline Specific (ELE-DS)

These courses have pre-requisites that are specific courses within a program of study. Discipline Specific courses give students a deeper understanding of how knowledge is created and applied in their field.

Boundary Crossing (ELE-X)

These are courses that cross disciplinary boundaries and/or cross boundaries through engagements outside the classroom or University allowing students to see how knowledge gained in one field might inform other fields or other aspects of society.

Math/Quantitative Reasoning (MA)

1 Math course, that has intermediate Algebra as prerequisite OR is a course listed on the General Education Distributive Learning List of Approved Courses. Any 3 hour college level math course, beyond Intermediate Algebra, meets this requirement.

* Majors in Fine Arts, Humanities or Social/Behavioral Sciences, may waive up to 6 credit hours of General Education requirements in the corresponding distribution area.

** Majors in Natural Sciences may waive up to 9 credit hours of General Education requirements in the Natural Sciences distribution area.

Students should also be aware of all other university requirements to obtain a degree - NEIU requirements (<http://catalog.neiu.edu/graduation-requirements/bachelors-degree/>)

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To complete the minor in creative writing, students must take 18 hours of coursework.

Code	Title	Hours
Foundations		6
ENGL-235	Introduction To Creative Writing I ¹	
ENGL-340A	Elements Of Style For Creative Writers ²	
Core Sequence (6 credits) - *Choose two courses within the same genre		6
One course at Intermediate Level		
ENGL-384	Creative Writing: Poetry I	
ENGL-386	Creative Writing: Fiction I	
And		
*Choose one course at the advanced level		
ENGL-385	Creative Writing: Poetry II	
ENGL-387	Creative Writing: Fiction II	
ENGL-374A	Hybrid-form Writing	
Electives (6 credits)		6
ENGL-316	Forms Of Poetry	
ENGL-359	Independent Study In English	
ENGL-374A	Hybrid-form Writing	
ENGL-394	Writing The Personal Essay	
ENGL-395	The Craft Of The Short Story	
ENGL-396	Screenwriting: The Short Script	
ENGL-397	Summer Creative Writing Institute	
ENGL 3941-6 Creative Writing Internship (1 through 6 credit hours)		
Total Hours		18

¹ 235 is the prerequisite for all creative writing courses

² 340A can be taken concurrently with courses at higher levels.

* Note that this course was formerly 240A but has been reclassified to reflect its evolving pedagogy.

** Students who have already taken 240A will not need to retake the course for the satisfaction of the requirement.

* All advanced level courses require successful completion of the intermediate course in the same genre with a grade of "C" or higher. Admission without the prerequisite is at the instructor's discretion.