The M.A. emphasis in Creative Writing is recommended for students preparing to teach at the community college level, for those students whose objective is to pursue an M.F.A. or Ph.D. in creative writing, and writers seeking to advance their understanding of creative writing practice and theory.

Total Units Required for Degree: 30

A. Required Core Curricula: 16 units
   - ENGL 200A1 Methods and Materials of Literary Research (4 units)
   - ENGL 220A Teaching College Composition (4 units)
   - ENGL 275 Seminar in Literary History (4 units)
   - ENGL 201D Contemporary Theory (4 units)

A. Requisite Course Work: 12 units
   - ENGL 230X Master Class in Writing Fiction (4 units) OR
     ENGL 230Y Master Class in Writing Poetry (4 units)
   - Creative Writing Elective – 230 Series (4 units)
   - Creative Writing Elective – 130 or 230 Series (4 units)

B. Culminating Requirement: 2 units
   - ENGL 500 Culminating Experience: Exam (2 units)

Notes:
- Requisite Course Work: The choice of English 230X or 230Y will largely depend on the area of interest i.e. fiction or poetry. English 299 may be applicable only if approval is given in advanced by a member of the Creative Writing faculty and the Graduate Coordinator.
- Culminating Requirement: The course of study leads to a comprehensive exam. To enroll in 500, students must have correctly filed an 'advancement to candidacy' form the semester before they enroll in 500. Students who have earned a 3.7 GPA or better in 21 units of their program may elect to complete a thesis with additional approval and provided they have two faculty willing to read and direct the thesis.

Course Deviation:
- Any deviation (or substitution) for any of the required or elective courses should be discussed in advance with a faculty member in your concentration and with the Graduate Coordinator, whose approval must be obtained. In some areas of study, courses offered in other departments are acceptable, but acceptance is at the Graduate Coordinator’s discretion and by no means automatic.

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1 In order to satisfy the Graduation Writing Requirement (GWAR) and Advance to Candidacy, students in this program must receive a “B” or higher in ENGL 200A or 220A.