

Creative Writing

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

REQUIRED CREDITS: 61

DEGREE CODE: ENGCW-AA

DESCRIPTION

The AA degree with a Creative Writing emphasis focuses on the writing of fiction or poetry. As knowledge of the genres and traditions of literature is central to the development of a writer or poet, courses that include the study of the elements of fiction and poetry are integrated into the program.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate knowledge and use of the forms and component elements of the genre (fiction or poetry).
- Identify purpose and audience within the context of fiction or poetry.
- Understand literary elements such as use of character, setting point of view, plot, style, and theme for fiction; metaphor, simile, meter, symbol, allusion, narrative, and theme for poetry.
- Complete a portfolio with work that exhibits effective use of language, self-editing, and controlled voice in a given genre.

PLEASE NOTE - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (34 CREDITS)

MATHEMATICS (3 credits)

MATH 120 or 124 or above; or STAT 152

ENGLISH COMPOSITION (6-8 credits)

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 47 for courses

LITERATURE (3 credits)

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 47 for courses

ANALYTICAL REASONING (3 credits)

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 47 for courses

NATURAL SCIENCE (6-7 credits)

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 48 for courses

SOCIAL SCIENCE (9 credits)

(Nine credits must be from three different disciplines): ANTH (except 102); CRJ 104; ECON; PHIL 135, 205, 207, 216, 244, 245, 246; PSC; PSY; SOC; WMST 113

U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (4-6 credits)

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 48 for courses

VALUES AND DIVERSITY

All students MUST fulfill this requirement. Course chosen may also be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or special program requirements. See page 46 for list of choices.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (27 CREDITS)

CORE REQUIREMENTS (15 credits)

World Languages 111 or above (courses must be in a single language)	8
COM 101 Oral Communication	3
ENG 205 Introduction to Creative Writing: Fiction and Poetry	3
ENG 296 Portfolio Assessment	1

Choose one group (6 credits)

<i>Group 1:</i>	
ENG 220 Writing Poetry	3
ENG 221 Writing Fiction	3
<i>Group 2:</i>	
ENG 220 Writing Poetry (repeatable to 6 credits - take course twice to satisfy this portion of the degree)	3
<i>Group 3:</i>	
ENG 221 Writing Fiction (repeatable to 6 credits - take course twice to satisfy this portion of the degree)	3

ELECTIVES (choose 6 credits)

ENG 243 Introduction to Short Story	3
ENG 261 Introduction to Poetry	3
ENG 275 Contemporary Literature	3
ENG 278 Readings in the Contemporary Novel	3

See Degree Plan on next page.

- NOTE**
- Course numbers with the “B” suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
 - Course numbers with the “H” suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements. For more information visit www.csn.edu/honors.
 - In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
 - Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.



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FULL-TIME STUDENT DEGREE PLAN

Add more semesters to modify this plan to fit part-time student needs.

FIRST SEMESTER	Credits
ENG 100 or 101 or 113	3-5
Complete Mathematics (see courses previous page)	3
Complete Social Science (see courses previous page)	6
COM 101 Oral Communication	3
TOTAL CREDITS	15-17

SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
ENG 102 or 114	3
Complete AA/AB/AS Natural Science (No Lab) p. 48	3
Complete Social Science (see courses previous page)	3
Complete AA/AB/AS US/Nevada Constitutions ¹ p. 48	4-6
ENG 205 Introduction to Creative Writing: Fiction and Poetry	3
TOTAL CREDITS	16-18

THIRD SEMESTER	Credits
Complete AA/AB/AS Analytical Reasoning p. 47	3
Complete AA/AB/AS Literature p. 47	3
Complete AA/AB/AS Natural Science ² (With Lab) p. 48	3-4
World Languages 111 or above ³	4
ENG 220 or ENG 221	3
TOTAL CREDITS	16-17

FOURTH SEMESTER	Credits
World Languages 111 or above ³	4
ENG 296 Portfolio Assessment	1
ENG 220 or ENG 221	3
Complete Electives (see courses previous page)	6
TOTAL CREDITS	14

DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS..... **61-66**

¹PSC 101 completes this requirement at 4 credits. If you choose the HIST option, complete HIST 101 or 111 in the 2nd semester and HIST 102 or 217 in the 4th semester.

²Only BIOL 122 Desert Plants completes this requirement at 3 credits and is only offered in the spring semester.

³When completing the World Languages portion of the special program requirements, you must complete two courses from the same language.

