**Proposal to Revise the Creative Writing Minor**

Minor in Creative Writing**:** Rationale

The minor in Creative Writing requires the completion of 12 credit hours, at least 6 hours to be chosen from a set of upper-division classes at the 3000-level and above. A maximum of 6 transfer credit hours is allowed. This progression of courses will allow students an in-depth study of the craft of creative writing, giving them the skills they need to create original fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction, and enhancing their critical reading skills.

The changes we propose are (1) addition of a general introductory course (English 2267), and (2) formally implementation of the requirement that of the minimum four courses completed, two must be a combination of 2265, 2266, 2267 or 2268. A well-rounded education in creative writing requires this breadth, and indeed, in practice, most students pursue such coursework in any case (and we have been so advising). At this juncture, we mean to formalize that, to be certain that all our students receive the best education possible in this discipline.

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| List of Courses: |
| Introductory Courses: |
| English 2265 Writing of Fiction I |
| English 2266 Writing of Poetry I  English 2267 Introduction to Creative Writing |
| English 2268 Writing of Creative Nonfiction I |
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| Advanced Courses: |
| English 3465 Intermediate Creative Writing: Special Topics in Fiction |
| English 3466 Intermediate Creative Writing: Special Topics in Poetry |
| English 3468 Intermediate Creative Writing: Special Topics in Creative Nonfiction |
| English 4565 Writing of Fiction II |
| English 4566 Writing of Poetry II |
| English 4568 Writing of Creative Nonfiction II |
| English 4591.01H Honors Special Topics Seminar in the Study of Creative Writing |
| English 5662.01 Literary Publishing |
| English 5193 Individual Studies in Creative Writing  Advising Sheet:  The minor in Creative Writing requires the completion of 12 credit hours, at least 6 hours to be chosen from a set of upper-division classes (3000-level and above). A maximum of 6 transfer credit hours is allowed. This progression of courses will allow students an in-depth study of the craft of creative writing, giving them the skills they need to create original fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction, and enhancing their critical reading skills.   Prerequisites for Creative Writing Courses:  English 2265 English 1110 or equivalent  English 2266 English 1110 or equivalent  English 2267 English 1110 or equivalent English 2268 English 1110 or equivalent  English 3465 A grade of at least "C-" in English 2265 English 3466 A grade of at least "C-" in English 2266 English 3468 A grade of at least "C-" in English 2268  English 4565 Permission of Instructor  English 4566 Permission of Instructor  English 4568 Permission of Instructor  English 4591.01H Honors standing and/or a grade of at least "C-" in one of the following: English 2265, 2266, 2267 or 2268; or Permission of Instructor  English 5662.01 English 2265, 2266, 2267 or 2268 and Permission of Instructor  English 5193 Permission of Instructor   Introductory Courses:  English 2265 Writing of Fiction I  English 2266 Writing of Poetry I  English 2267 Introduction to Creative Writing English 2268 Writing of Creative Nonfiction I   Advanced Courses:  English 3465 Intermediate Creative Writing: Special Topics in Fiction  English 3466 Intermediate Creative Writing: Special Topics in Poetry  English 3468 Intermediate Creative Writing: Special Topics in Creative Nonfiction  English 4565 Writing of Fiction II  English 4566 Writing of Poetry II  English 4568 Writing of Creative Nonfiction II English 4591.01H Honors Special Topics in the Study of Creative Writing  English 5662.01 Literary Publishing  English 5193 Individual Studies in Creative Writing  Note: No more than two introductory courses may be applied to the Creative Writing Minor. Students can choose 2267 and at least one genre-specific introductory course, or introductory courses in two different genres (poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction). English 2265, 2266, and 2268 serve both as introductions to the genre and as prerequisites for particular advanced courses. Students are advised to choose one of their introductory courses based on planned advanced course choices.  Important Guidelines: Creative writing minor hours may overlap the GE. The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major. The Creative Writing Program is governed by the Department of English and therefore the English major course work cannot overlap with creative writing minor course work. A minimum grade of C- is required for a course to be listed on the minor. A minimum 2.0 cumulative point-hour ratio is required for the minor. Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.   Once the coordinating advisor in the Department of English has approved the Minor Program form, students should file the form with their college advisors or school counselors. |
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