

CREATIVE WRITING, CERTIFICATE

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The Certificate in Creative Writing offers both basic and advanced workshops and appeals to students new to creative writing as well as students with writing experience who want to learn new skills. Through a series of courses in fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and screenwriting, the Certificate in Creative Writing focuses on creative writing as a form of critical thinking as a way to reimagine audience and as a space of innovation. Taught by professionals in the field, our courses cultivate both individual and group learning, providing an overview of the field as well as deep dives into literary genres. These courses are designed as hands-on, intensive study of the subtleties and power of language.

The Certificate in Creative Writing is a 4-course, 4 course unit program of study taught by University of Pennsylvania faculty. To earn a certificate, students complete any four courses offered, in any order. Students who complete the basic certificate may pursue an advanced certificate (6-course, 6 course unit) by adding two additional courses from the advanced course list.

Penn LPS Online courses in the Certificate in Creative Writing are offered on accelerated (8-week) and classic (11- or 12-week) schedules. Courses in the certificate program are largely asynchronous with some optional synchronous sessions to be scheduled by the instructors. For more information about specific course dates, please visit the Course Schedule (<https://lpsonline.sas.upenn.edu/academics/course-schedule/>) page.

You have the option to enroll in individual courses without committing to the entire certificate, enjoying the flexibility and expertise offered by Penn LPS Online to suit your schedule and interests.

For more information: <https://lpsonline.sas.upenn.edu/academics/certificates/creative-writing> (<https://lpsonline.sas.upenn.edu/academics/certificates/creative-writing/>)

The Certificate in Creative Writing prepares you to:

- Understand how text conveys meaning across a variety of literary genres and styles
- Explore how to use innovation, flexibility, and collaboration to cultivate a creative writing practice
- Create, revise and edit your original writing in multiple literary genres, including poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and screenwriting

Curriculum

Certificate students who complete four of the online courses listed below earn a Certificate in Creative Writing. Those students are then eligible to pursue an Advanced Certificate in Creative Writing by taking two additional courses.

Code	Title	Course Units
Creative Writing Certificate		
Select 4 CU from the following:		4
CRWR 1010	The Craft of Creative Writing	
CRWR 1600	Modern and Contemporary US Poetry	
CRWR 2010	Poetry Workshop	
CRWR 2400	The Art of Editing	
CRWR 2500	Writing and Meditation	
CRWR 2600	Fiction Workshop	
CRWR 2800	Narrative Collage	
CRWR 3000	Writing About Place	
CRWR 3200	Screenwriting	
CRWR 3600	Advanced Nonfiction	
CRWR 3700	Journalism Workshop	
Any course with Attribute = BCCW (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/bccw/)		
Total Course Units		4

Courses are subject to change.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

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The Advanced Certificate in Creative Writing is a 6-course, 6 course unit program of study taught by University of Pennsylvania faculty. To earn a certificate, students complete any four courses offered, in any order.

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Creative Writing		
Advanced Courses		
<i>Select two of the following not used or the Basic Certificate</i>		2
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CRWR 1600	Modern and Contemporary US Poetry	
CRWR 2010	Poetry Workshop	
CRWR 2400	The Art of Editing	
CRWR 2600	Fiction Workshop	
CRWR 3000	Writing About Place	
CRWR 3200	Screenwriting	
CRWR 3600	Advanced Nonfiction	
CRWR 3700	Journalism Workshop	
Any course with Attribute = BCCW (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/bccw/)		
Total Course Units		2