Creative Writing Minor
The minor in Creative Writing consists of a total of 18 hours, of which at least 9 hours must be at or above the 300 level, distributed as follows:
- Any ENG Historical Survey course
- Three Creative Writing Classes
- Two non-Creative Writing ENG courses

Creative Writing Option
The Creative Writing Option is a distinction available to all English Majors who follow a path of disciplined coursework in the UK English Department Creative Writing curriculum. Graduates who achieve the Creative Writing Option will have this distinction on their final University transcripts upon graduation.

English majors must complete three workshops in Imaginative Writing and a portfolio of creative work must be submitted to the Imaginative Writing staff for evaluation, generally 6 weeks prior to graduation to be eligible for the Creative Writing Option:

For additional questions about the Imaginative Writing Option, please contact:

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Overview

In today’s complex world, critical thinkers and strong writers have an edge. The Department of English at the University of Kentucky offers a wide variety of courses in order to provide students like you with that edge. You will learn from faculty members that are best-selling and award-winning authors, poets, documentarians, scholars, and screenwriters. The English curriculum at UK favors a liberal arts tradition that provides you with a broad skill set and prepares you for success in a variety of careers. With over 300 undergraduate majors and minors, the English department specializes in producing versatile and imaginative students with the strong interpretive and communication skills needed for today’s changing world.

Why Choose English?

English is a relevant and flexible undergraduate degree that leads to numerous career paths. Many students choose professions in education, and many more find employment in fields such as communications, entertainment, business, and law.

English Majors can:

• Read and interpret complex texts
• Think critically
• Write with style and elegance
• Grasp nuance
• Do research using electronic and traditional sources
• Build arguments based on evidence
• Put things they read in a variety of cultural contexts
• Interpret the world around them with sophistication

English Majors can go on to be:

• Advertisers
• Writers
• Lawyers
• Teachers
• Editors
• Information technologists
• Filmmakers
• Business executives
• Public-relations managers
• Web developers
• Librarians
• Publicists
• Doctors
• Diplomats
• Activists

English Major

As an English major at the University of Kentucky, students are required to take at least 48 credit hours in ENG courses and electives throughout their time at the university. In addition to coursework devoted to British and American literature, students can choose from a variety of elective classes in film, linguistics, cultural studies, literary theory, and creative writing. The requirements for an English major are as follows:

- Pre-major Requirements: 6 UK Core hours + 3 hours
- Major Requirements:
  - Historical Surveys: 6 hours
  - ENG 330 Text and Context: 3 hours
  - ENG Early Period Requirement: 0-3 hours
  - ENG Course Work (“Major electives”): 21 hours - seven additional ENG courses mostly at the 300-level and above
  - Additional electives outside the ENG Dept.: 9 hours

English Minor

The Department of English at the University of Kentucky offers a minor in English as well. The minor consists of a total of 18 hours, of which at least 9 hours must be at or above the 300 level. The hours are to be distributed as follows:

- Any ENG Historical Survey course: 3 hours
- ENG 330 Text and Context: 3 hours
- Four more ENG courses, with a maximum of one 100-level course and a minimum of two 300+ level courses: 12 hours

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