

<b>Program:</b>	Creative Writing	<b>Dept:</b>	English
<b>Major:</b>	Creative Writing	<b>College:</b>	Liberal Arts
<b>Degree:</b>	Master of Arts (M.A.)	<b>Major Code:</b>	5710

**Creative Writing, M.A.**

Students seeking the master's degree in Creative Writing pursue a program of study that includes both writing workshops and historically focused literature seminars. Students in the program are required to complete a thesis consisting of an original, sustained creative work.

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**Admission Requirements**

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies  
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404  
Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission ([www.uco.edu/graduate/](http://www.uco.edu/graduate/)).
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Transcripts must show:
  - A minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA (overall) or 3.0 undergraduate GPA (last 60 hours completed); and 18 hours of English (3000- or above) with a 3.0 GPA.
  - Students may gain conditional admission by achieving a score of 150 (verbal) and 4.5 (analytical writing) on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- Writing Sample: A 20-page (double-spaced) writing sample in a single approved creative writing genre (section of novel, short story, poems, screenplay, or creative nonfiction essay)
- A two-page (double-spaced) essay detailing the applicant's reading habits.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(p.18\)](#).

*\*Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

**Other Requirements**

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with his/her graduate program advisor and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies (JCGS) by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the graduate program advisor before it can be considered official.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
  - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
  - No more than six hours of "C".
  - No more than six advisor-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
  - At least 21 of 33 total hours must be in Graduate English courses
- Language Requirement. Demonstrate reading knowledge of one foreign language in one of the following ways:
  - Pass a foreign language reading examination administered by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies.
  - Earn a "C" or better in a minimum of six credit hours in

a single foreign language at the University of Central Oklahoma. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.

- Produce evidence of having earned a "C" or better in a minimum of six credit hours in a single foreign language at an approved college or university. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.
- Thesis Requirement. Complete an acceptable thesis, including an oral defense.
- Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by the advertised deadline.

**Graduation Requirements****Theory & Research Core.....9 Hours**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5013	Approaches to Graduate Studies
ENG	5643	Theories and Methods of Cultural Study
ENG	5743	Theoretical Approaches to Literature

**Required Literature Seminars .....9 Hours**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
ENG	5910	Seminar / Special Topics <i>with advisor approval</i>

**Applied Writing Courses .....9 Hours**

Nine hours of Creative Studies (CSDY) coursework, 6 Hours of which focuses on the genre on the Thesis

**Approved Electives .....3 Hours**

Three hours of Creative Studies (CSDY) or English (ENG) Coursework, with Advisor Approval

**Capstone Experience .....3 Hours**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
CSDY	5990	Thesis

**TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED .....33 Hours**