

Minneapolis College of Art and Design  
Liberal Arts Department  
Creative Writing Minor FAQ Sheet

1. What is the Creative Writing Minor?

The Minor in Creative Writing offers undergraduates the opportunity to hone their writing skills while exploring a full range of genres including poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, scholarly writing, and business and technical writing. The Minor comprises five courses: foundation Reading and Writing, one or two Creative and Professional Writing courses, no more than one Writing Intensive HS or AH course, one literature course, and an advanced Creative and Professional Writing course.

2. When does MCAD's Creative Writing Minor officially begin?

The minor officially begins in the Fall 2016 semester.

3. Who is eligible to declare the Creative Writing Minor?

The Creative Writing Minor is open to all undergraduate students who are pursuing the undergraduate degree at MCAD. The Creative Writing Minor can be completed as part of the undergraduate degree's required 120 credit hours. Bachelor of Sciences (BSc) Entrepreneurial Studies (ES) students may also earn a Creative Writing Minor within their Humanities and Sciences Electives and by applying their major-specific writing class to the minor.

4. Why would I declare a Creative Writing Minor?

MCAD's Creative Writing Minor allows you to focus on the specific writing skills and practices you will need to begin a career that incorporates a significant writing component. There is demand for good writers in every field and skills in this area will serve you well no matter what you choose to do. Within the minor you may choose to emphasize nonfiction writing, creative writing, or business writing, but whichever path you choose you will learn skills that will support your artistic practice or entrepreneurial ventures by making your writing clear, coherent, concise, and informative.

5. How do I declare a Creative Writing Minor?

Students declare a Creative Writing Minor by completing the Creative Writing Minor declaration form, obtaining their department chair's signature, and submitting the completed form to the MCAD Student Affairs Office. The form is available in the MCAD Student Affairs office, and online on MCAD intranet under ....?

6. Do I need to schedule an advising appointment to declare the Creative Writing Minor?

No. Students are encouraged to discuss their interest in the Creative Writing Minor with their advisor and to monitor their progress toward completing the requirements with a member of the Liberal Arts Department during their Advising Day meetings.

7. When is the best time to declare interest in completing the Creative Writing Minor? Can seniors declare a Creative Writing Minor?

Set up an appointment to meet with the Liberal Arts Chair at your earliest convenience. The requirements are flexible, but you will want to plan ahead to make sure that you will have time and space in your schedule to meet them. In some cases current seniors may be able to complete the minor, but seniors will probably have to complete two additional Professional and Creative Writing courses or Writing Intensive courses, one of them at the advanced level, to complete the minor.

8. Is there a minimum GPA required to declare a Creative Writing Minor?

Yes, 3.0.

9. Can MCAD courses I have taken be substituted for the requirements of the minor?

EN 1100, EN 1200, and any Professional and Creative Writing courses can count for the minor. Other courses may be applied on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the Liberal Arts Chair.

10. Can classes I take at other colleges and universities be applied toward the minor?

Students can transfer credits on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the Liberal Arts Chair.

11. How is the completed Creative Writing Minor indicated on students' transcripts?

If students successfully complete the courses required for the Creative Writing Minor it will be indicated on their official final MCADS transcript.

12. What coursework is specific to the Creative Writing Minor?

The Creative Writing Minor comprises five courses, none of which are exclusive to the minor. These are Reading and Writing (EN 1100 or 1200 or their equivalents for transfer students), a Literature Course, two Creative and Professional Writing Courses or one Creative and Professional Writing course and one Writing Intensive AH or HS Liberal Arts Course, and an Advanced Writing Course.

13. How can I register for a Writing Intensive course?

Writing Intensive Courses are listed as AHX or HSX in the registration guide.

14. Do I have to declare a Creative Writing Minor to take advanced writing or elect to take a class as writing intensive?

No, though a Creative and Professional Writing course other than Reading and Writing is a prerequisite for Advanced Writing courses.

15. How can get more information on the Creative Writing Minor?

Meet with the Liberal Arts Chair, or ask a member of the Liberal Arts Department.