

**Minneapolis College of Art and Design  
Liberal Arts Department  
Creative Writing Minor  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Sheet**

1. What is the creative writing minor?

The creative writing minor offers you the opportunity to hone your 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 (15 credits): one foundation reading and writing course, at least one creative and professional writing course, no more than one writing-intensive HS or AH course, one literature course, and an advanced creative and professional writing course.

2. Who is eligible to declare the creative writing minor?

The creative writing minor is open to all students pursuing an undergraduate degree at MCAD. The minor can be completed as part of your degree's required 120 credit hours. Bachelor of science students may earn a creative writing minor within their humanities and sciences electives and by applying their major-specific writing class to the minor or completing cross-listed creative and professional writing classes.

3. 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 will likely incorporate 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. Whichever path you choose, clear, coherent, concise, and informative writing will support your artistic practice or entrepreneurial ventures.

4. How do I declare a creative writing minor?

Complete the creative writing minor declaration form, obtain the liberal arts chair's signature, and submit the completed form to the MCAD Student Affairs Office. The form is available in the MCAD Student Affairs office, in the MCAD Records Office, and on the Academic Advising page on the MCAD Intranet.

5. Do I need to schedule an advising appointment to declare the creative writing minor?

No. You are encouraged to discuss your interest in the creative writing minor with your advisor and to monitor your progress toward completing the requirements with a member of the liberal arts department during your advising day meetings.

6. When is the best time to declare interest in completing the creative writing minor? Can seniors declare?

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 they 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.

7. Is there a minimum GPA required to declare a creative writing minor?

No.

8. 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.

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

You can transfer credits on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the liberal arts chair.

10. Is the completed creative writing minor indicated on my transcript?

If you successfully complete the courses required for the creative writing minor it will be indicated on your official final MCAD transcript.

11. What coursework is specific to the creative writing minor?

The creative writing minor comprises five courses, none of which are

exclusive to the minor.

- Reading and Writing 1 or 2 (EN 1100 or 1200)
- A literature course
- Two creative and professional writing courses OR one creative and professional writing course and one writing-intensive AH or HS course
- An advanced creative and professional writing course

12. What is a writing-intensive course?

Writing-intensive courses are co-listed with regular liberal arts course prefixes (AH, HS) and the writing intensive prefix (AHX, HSX). A writing-intensive course includes a significant writing assignment (either in addition to the regular class assignments or an enhancement of an existing assignment) that comprises no less than eight pages (or an assignment of equivalent substance), and is the result from close consultation with the instructor and multiple revisions.

13. 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 a reading and writing course is a prerequisite for advanced creative and professional writing courses.

14. How can I get more information on the creative writing minor?

Meet with the chair of the MCAD Liberal Arts Department, or ask another member of the department.