Undergraduate Creative Writing Sub-concentration

Students interested in the department’s offerings in creative writing should begin with English 223, an introduction to the reading and writing of poetry and prose and to the workshop method of critiquing student writing. After successful completion of the introductory course, students can enroll (with instructor’s permission) in the intermediate course, English 323 (fiction) 324(poetry). At the advanced level students may elect (with the instructor's permission) the advanced fiction workshop (English 423) or the advanced poetry workshop (English 424).

English majors who wish to specialize in the writing of poetry or prose fiction may apply to the Creative Writing sub-concentration in the winter term of their junior year. This sub-concentration is an optional path to a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Students in the sub-concentration will take the creative writing workshops described above in sequence, and in their last term compile a major manuscript of poetry or prose fiction while working closely with the creative-writing faculty in a tutorial reserved for sub-concentrators (English 428). This program is small and selective; however, students not accepted in the sub-concentration may still pursue their interest in creative writing by applying to the appropriate upper-level workshops.

Application Process
Admission to the sub-concentration in creative writing will occur during winter term and is limited to juniors who have taken or are enrolled in English 323/324 (or 423/424). The application process will involve the submission of an application and a writing sample. Acceptance will be based on an evaluation of the writing sample by members of the creative writing faculty.

The deadline for application is
Friday, February 9, 2018 by 5:00pm.
Please drop off the application packet to the
English Undergraduate Studies Office, 3187 Angell Hall.

Program Requirements
Students wishing to fulfill the sub-concentration in creative writing must satisfactorily complete a total of 36 upper level credits in English, including the requirements for the regular English program and the special Creative Writing Sub-concentration requirements.

In addition to the Creative Writing sequence the courses required for the sub concentration include: two prerequisite courses (English 223 and 298), 30-upper level English Credits; one course in pre-1642 literature, one pre-1830 course, one Pre-1900 course, one Identity & Difference course, one American Literature course, one course in poetry and upper-level elective courses.
Of the 300-400 level creative writing courses, one can count as elective credit toward the regular English degree requirement of 30 upper-level credits. Any additional writing courses (such as repeated enrollment in 323, 324, 423, or 424) beyond the sub-concentration requirements will count toward the total 120 university credits that are needed for graduation.

**Creative Writing Honors**

Students who have at least a 3.5 GPA in the English concentration may apply for honors in Creative Writing after they have been accepted into the sub-concentration. Honors will be awarded, as warranted, based on the student maintaining a 3.5 GPA and earning a grade of A- or better on the thesis.
Undergraduate Creative Writing Subconcentration
English Major, Creative Writing Emphasis
Application for Admission

Name: __________________________________________ UMID#: ____________________

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Please list all creative writing courses taken:

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Please write one paragraph on why you are applying to the Creative Writing Subconcentration and attach to your application. In your statement, please make references to your goals as a writer and any writing experience you’ve had or awards you’ve earned.

Bring all materials and a representative sample of your writing (20 pages of poetry, up to 40 pages of fiction or a combination of both) to the English Undergraduate Studies Office, 3187 Angell Hall. The application deadline is Friday, February 9, 2018 by 5:00pm.

Generally, this application is submitted in the second semester of the student’s junior year.

For further information, please contact:
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