



Writing

Minor



College of Humanities and Social Sciences

The writing minor is a cross-disciplinary undergraduate program designed to strengthen and advance students' writing abilities. Students study the history as well as theories of writing, and gain competence in writing about different subjects, for different purposes and audiences, and in different genres and styles. The Writing Minor will complement any area of major study.

The program allows students to focus on areas of specific interest to them (e.g., creative writing or professional writing), as well as to craft an internship that serves their long-term professional goals. We offer creative writing courses from the introductory to the advanced levels, in screenwriting, poetry, prose fiction, and creative non-fiction. We also offer advanced special topics courses in editing, stylistics, and autobiography and memoir. Our writing instructors have published numerous books of fiction and poetry, as well as scholarly essays on a variety of topics.

Where can your degree take you?

Well-rounded graduates with a Writing Minor are attractive to employers because they are versatile, able to utilize their training as writers, thinkers, editors, and teachers in fields such as medicine, law, business, media, and public service. These are just a few of the possibilities:

- Teacher
- Poet
- Songwriter
- Columnist
- Book/magazine editor
- Novelist
- Screenwriter

Program Features

The analytical approaches in writing courses are applicable to any course taken at UNC. The Writing Minor prepares students proceeding on to graduate work for the challenges of advanced writing.

Program Highlights

- Writing workshops and peer review
- Faculty help students to navigate the publishing world of each genre
- Opportunities to work on UNC's literary magazine **The Crucible**
- Opportunities for honors work in creative writing
- Opportunities for informative sessions with visiting writers
- Opportunities for writing internships in the community

Financing your Education

UNC encourages you to complete the 2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the March 1, 2017 deadline to jump start your college financing. By completing your FAFSA, you may be eligible for federal and state grants and loans as well as work-study. Complete your FAFSA at FAFSA.GOV. Be sure to use **UNC'S SCHOOL CODE, 001349**, and the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to import your 2015 tax information directly into the 2017-18 FAFSA.

Faculty Overview

Diverse faculty include prize-winning, published writers in each genre and faculty who also work in public schools and the larger community.

What Grads Say

"I became a better reader, writer, and scholar as a result of my Writing minor. I credit the program with a great portion of my academic success because of how interdisciplinary the subject naturally is and how committed everyone was to allowing me to say what I've always needed to say and could never quite access."

- Maria Zalesky, 2014 UNC English Graduate

More about UNC

The University of Northern Colorado, founded in 1889, is Colorado's right-sized doctoral research university, serving a diverse student body from 58 Colorado counties, 47 states and 34 countries. Given its size, program mix, and mission, UNC offers students the access and opportunities of a small college along with the nationally recognized programs, research funding and facilities that come with being the leading U.S. university. Students seeking preparation for a world (and workplace) full of opportunities and options, complexities and cultures, diversity and demands, will find faculty mentors and excited fellow students to engage with here at UNC--home of Higher Education at Eye Level.

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