CREATIVE WRITING (CRWR)
Graduate Degree Program
College: Arts and Humanities

Abstract
The MFA in Creative Writing provides a professional course of study for
graduate students seeking to perfect their ability to compose poems,
stories, and novels. While primarily affording students intensive studio
or practical work within their chosen genre, the MFA in Creative Writing
requires that students incorporate such work with a traditional study
of literature. The goal of the MFA in Creative Writing is to provide an
atmosphere in which students can both hone their skills as writers and
gain a theoretical and historical understanding of their craft.

The Department of English also offers graduate study leading to the
Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in English Language
and Literature (http://pdc-webapp-lamp27.umd.edu/Catalog/public-
programs-detail.php?ENGL). Please visit the English Language and
Literature (http://pdc-webapp-lamp27.umd.edu/Catalog/public-programs-
detail.php?ENGL) listing for more information.

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Admissions

General Requirements
• Statement of Purpose
• Transcript(s)
• TOEFL/IELTS/PTE (international graduate students (https://
gradschool.umd.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-
requirements))

Program-Specific Requirements
• Letters of Recommendation (3)
• CV/Resume (optional)
• Writing Sample

In addition to fulfilling Graduate School requirements, applicants to the
M.F.A. degree program should present a 3.0 GPA. Admission is for the Fall
semester only. All application materials must be submitted electronically
through the Graduate School's Apply Yourself/Hobson's application
system.

For more admissions information or to apply to the program, please visit
our Graduate School website: www.gradschool.umd.edu/admissions

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Other Deadlines: Please visit the program website at http://
www.english.umd.edu/academics/creativewriting

Requirements
• Creative Writing, Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) (https://
academiccatalog.umd.edu/graduate/programs/creative-writing-crwr/
creative-writing-mfa)

Facilities and Special Resources
Resources for research in the College Park and Washington, D.C. area are
unsurpassed. The university’s libraries hold over 2,000,000 volumes. In
addition to the outstanding holdings of the Library of Congress, the area
also offers the specialized resources of the Folger Shakespeare Library,
Dumbarton Oaks, the National Archives, the Smithsonian Institution,
and the National Center for the Study of the Visual Arts. The university
recently partnered with the Phillips Collection to create the University
of Maryland Center for Art and Knowledge, a dynamic collaboration
that includes new curriculum, experimental and community-focused
education programs, a new Phillips Collection gallery and an open
storage facility in College Park.
UMCP is a member of the Consortium of Institutions in the Washington area, which permits graduate students at College Park to enroll in courses at other universities for graduate credit at UMCP. Graduate students in English also may take courses for graduate credit at the Folger Institute of Renaissance and Eighteenth-Century Studies, which runs a series of seminars by distinguished scholars each year.