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University of California Riverside

Creative Writing

The Creative Writing major puts students at the center of the creative writing process with plenty of room to explore and expand writing skills and interests. Students learn the forms and techniques of the arts of poetry, nonfiction and fiction. They also learn, through the study of literature, how to read as writers do, how writers use language to manipulate meaning, and how to use language in ways that make ideas accessible and artistically compelling.

The major offers a series of workshop courses in poetry, fiction, playwriting, screenwriting, and nonfiction, and reading courses in poetry and fiction presented from the writer's point of view.

The Department of Creative Writing at UCR offers the only Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing in the University of California system. The major consists of 12 units of lower-division courses, 60 units of upper-division courses, and including 16 units of concentration in a subject of the student's choice, approved by the Creative Writing Chair or advisor. Creative Writing majors who plan to teach in California elementary schools can take advantage of the Bridge to Teaching Program, which allows prospective elementary teachers to complete the approved subject matter preparation program along with their major while also including early field experience in the schools.

Courses are taught by essayists, poets, fiction writers, and playwrights. Creative Writing faculty and lecturers are widely published and active in the arts of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. The faculty has published or has in press more than 25 books.

Undergraduate research and special studies

Students may specialize in fiction, non-fiction or poetry. Workshops are small enough that professors can offer individual attention to each student. The department is open and friendly, but the program is rigorous and demands a great deal of work from each student.

The University Honors Program offers lower-division courses taught by distinguished faculty and introduces undergraduates to the challenges and rewards of scholarship and research from the beginning of their undergraduate careers. In the upper division, the program invites outstanding students to design and produce honors theses and projects under individual faculty supervision. Through the departmental Honors Program, highly qualified students are invited to conduct a research thesis of their own initiative and design, in collaboration with a faculty member. Participation in the Honors Program is the capstone of an excellent education.

Through the Education Abroad Program, UCR students can add an international perspective to their education by studying and living in another country while earning UC credit. The UC Washington Center provides an opportunity to serve an internship, conduct research, or study in the nation's capital.

Academic advising

Students receive advising from the faculty advisors or the department's professional advising staff. Visit the Web site at www.creativewriting.ucr.edu.

Career opportunities

The major prepares students for graduate study, teaching, and writing careers in a variety of media.

Preparing for transfer from another college or university

Students planning to transfer to UCR as a Creative Writing major should:

1. meet the UC admission requirements for transfers
2. complete the coursework required to meet the lower-division major requirements
3. complete the breadth requirements for UCR's College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, preferably by following the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum, IGETC.

Lower-division major requirements for Creative Writing

Students are strongly encouraged to complete courses comparable to the lower-division major coursework as described below before entering the University:

Intro to Creative Writing -
UCR Creative Writing 56

Three courses from among:

UCR Creative Writing 40-41-
42-43

Major American Writers -
UCR English 14

Modern Literature - UCR
English 15

UCR English 17 -
Shakespeare

English Literary Traditions -
UCR English 23A-23B-23C

American Literary Traditions
- UCR English 31

Twentieth-Century
Literature - UCR English 32

Masterworks of Western
Literature - UCR World
Literature 17A-17B-17C

Related literature and references

UCR currently has articulation agreements with most of the California community colleges. These agreements list specific community college courses that have been designated as comparable to UCR courses. The articulation agreements are available at the statewide articulation Web site at www.assist.org or at California community colleges.

Detailed information about UCR's admission requirements is presented in the UC publications, *Application for Undergraduate Admission & Scholarships*, *Introducing the University*, and *Answers for Transfers*, and in the *UC Riverside General Catalog*. The UC publications are available at

the UC Web site, www.ucop.edu/pathways and at California high schools and community colleges. The *UC Riverside General Catalog* is online at www.ucr.edu or available for purchase through the UCR Bookstore, (909) 787-4211.

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