# Change Graduate Major
# Creative Writing - MFA

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### Proposal

Proposal ID:102246
Type:Change Major/Option/Minor/Certificate
Submission Date:February 6, 2018 3:42pm
Effective Term:Spring 2018
Justification:
Upon reviewing our program, we have determined that our program of study can be reduced by from 84 to 77 credits while still maintaining the quality of the program and meeting the learning outcomes shared with the Corvallis MFA. This change removes two previous requirements that were judged to be above and beyond what was needed to meet the learning outcomes for the degree of MFA. The file attached to this proposal includes a detailed justification for the proposed credit reduction, including a table listing courses for the current program of study versus courses for the proposed program of study. The proposal and the attached file also include a minor adjustment to the program description.
Comments:*None*

### History

**Active Version - Submitted February 6, 2018 3:42pm**
Version 1 - Submitted January 2, 2018 8:54am

### Originators

| NAME | TITLE | DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL |
|---|---|---|
| Emily Carr | Dir-MFA-Creative Writing | Acad Prog / Student Aff |

### Contacts

No contacts

### Liaisons

| LIAISON | STATUS | REQUIRED |
|---|---|---|
| Stephanie Bernell - Associate Dean / Graduate School Admin<br>I spoke with Emily Carr about this reduction. I have no concerns.<br>(Responded on Dec 18, 2017) | Responded | No |
| Peter Betjemann - Director-SWLF / Liberal Arts Admin | Expired | Yes |
| Julie Gess-Newsome - Dean of Academic Affairs / Acad Prog / Student Aff<br>No concerns.<br>(Responded on Dec 17, 2017) | Responded | No |
| Brian Palmer - Assoc Director/Enrollment Svcs / Acad Prog / Student Aff<br>No issues.<br>(Responded on Dec 20, 2017) | Responded | No |

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| M Jane Reynolds - Dir-Enrollment Services / Acad Prog / Student Aff | Expired | No |
| Susan Rodgers - Associate Professor / English Department<br>I've reviewed the proposal and have no issues with these changes.<br>(Responded on Jan 3, 2018) | Responded | No |

## Program Information

Program Title:Creative Writing - MFA
CIP Code:231302
College/Department or College/School:College of Liberal Arts / School of Writing, Literature and Film

Program Type:Graduate Major
Original Program:Creative Writing - MFA
Description: UPDATED

- **Proposed**
- Current
- Comparison

The School of Writing, Literature, and Film offers the Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing (fiction, poetry, nonfiction writing) at the Corvallis campus and a Low-Residency MFA partner program on the OSU-Cascades campus in Bend, Oregon.

The MFA Program in Creative Writing on the OSU Corvallis campus is a two-year, high residency, studio/research program that interweaves literary artistic practice and literary scholarship. Tracks in fiction, nonfiction, and poetry are supported by writing workshops led by nationally known writers, as well as by courses in form, craft, and theory. Intensive mentoring during the thesis year, training in creative writing pedagogy, professional internships, and opportunities for outreach and community engagement produce graduates who are both accomplished creative writers and advocates for the role of literary arts in American culture and society.

OSU-Cascades's Low-Residency MFA is a two-year program combining writing workshop with studies in craft, literature, and vocation. The program offers intensive 10-day residency sessions in June and November and individualized mentorships by nationally known writers throughout the year. The program's intensive low-residency format is designed to balance the modern writer's need for both solitude and community, for both self-reliance and responsibility—to give our students the freedom as well as the discipline to write. Our curriculum builds sustainable writing habits, develops skills needed to support a creative livelihood after graduation, and creates an environment for taking imaginative risks.

Requirements: UPDATED

- **Proposed**
- Current
- Comparison

Coursework Requirements

WR 500. Residency (48)
WR 503. Thesis (6)
WR 513. Mentorship (23)

Total: 77 credits

## Documents

| FILE NAME | FILE SIZE | COMMENT | DATE ADDED |
|---|---|---|---|
| DegreeChangesJustificationWinter2017.pdf | 257.43 Kb | Upon reviewing our program, we have determined that our program of study can be reduced by 7 credits while still maintaining the quality of the program and meeting the learning outcomes shared with the Corvallis MFA. Students in the Low-Residency MFA on the Cascades campus will continue to take more credits to graduate than students in the MFA on the Corvallis campus. The file attached to this proposal includes a detailed justification for the proposed credit reduction, including a table listing courses for the current program of study versus courses for the proposed program of study. | Feb 06, 2018 9:45 am |
| DegreeChangesJustificationWinter2017.pdf | 257.69 Kb | The file attached to this proposal includes a detailed justification for the proposed 7 credit reduction, including a table listing courses for the current program of study versus courses for the proposed program of study. The attached file also include a minor adjustment to the program description. | Feb 06, 2018 9:45 am |