

**UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA OKANAGAN**  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS in Creative Writing**  
**PLAN OF DEGREE PROGRAM**

*Courses recommended by the program are “**bolded**”.*

**YEAR 1**

6 first-year Creative Writing credits: CRWR 116 AND CRWR 126

6 first-year English credits from the following: ENGL 112, 113, **150, 151**, 152, or 153

6 first-year Creative Studies credits from the following: ARTH 131, ARTH 141, THTR 120, THTR 130

6 first-year Science credits in Laboratory Science, Mathematics, Computer Science, or approved Geography courses from the following list: ASTR 110, 111, 120, 121; BIOL 116, 117, 125, 122, 131, 133; CHEM 111, 113, 121, 123; COSC 111, 121, 122; EESC 111, 121; GEOG 108, 109; MATH 100, 101, 111, 116, 142; PHYS 102, 111, 112, 122, 140; STAT 121.

6 credits Language requirement or Electives. You need to meet the language requirement for a BA: either Grade 12 language other than English, or university courses, or language competency demonstration. If you have this requirement, you can take an elective (try for List A courses; see Year 2 below). See calendar for language requirement details:

<http://okanagan.students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084#12398>

**Total credits in Year 1: 30 credits**

**YEAR 2**

6 credits from the following: CRWR 216, CRWR 217, CRWR 218, CRWR 219 (note that 216 and 217 are prerequisites to three of the third-year classes.)

3 credits CRWR 260 (Theory and Practice)

3 credits ENGL 220 (**ENGL 221 recommended too**)

Ideally, if you have followed this trajectory, you will have ALL your courses from List B in two disciplines (English and Creative Writing.) Therefore, this year, you should begin to complete the 18 credits from List A. (see list below—you need 18 credits from at least two of the following disciplines.)

### List A

Anthropology

Economics

Geography<sup>1</sup>

Indigenous Studies<sup>2</sup>

Political Science

Psychology

Sociology

Women's Studies<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Except for GEOG 108/109.

<sup>2</sup> INDG 100, 201, 202, 203, 204; INDG 301 also applies to List B.

<sup>3</sup> WMST 100, 110, 215.

### Total credits in Year 2: 30 credits

You may declare your major in Creative Writing at this point. You must have at least 70% (B-) overall average in second-year English and Creative Writing courses. On entering a major program, students must draw up a plan of study for their major (last 60 credits) with a program advisor. Before completing their final 30 credits in the program, students should again have their program reviewed by a program advisor. The program advisor for Creative Writing in 2006/ 2007 is Nancy Holmes.

All creative writing courses after this point require a portfolio submission that must be accepted before you can register in the course. Check with the Creative Studies department for the portfolio due dates (usually the spring.)

### **YEAR 3**

6 credits from two of the following 3-credit courses: CRWR 380 (Writing of the Short Story), CRWR 381 (Writing of Poetry), CRWR 382 (Topics in Creative Writing), and CRWR 383 (Writing of the Novel).

### **YEAR 4 ( you need an average of 70% or B- in 3<sup>rd</sup> year CRWR courses to enroll in 4<sup>th</sup> year classes.)**

6 credits of CRWR 480 (Creative Writing Portfolio);

6 credits of CRWR 481 (Advanced Theory and Practice in Creative Writing).

## **OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Year:**

6 upper-level credits of Canadian Literature, e.g., ENGL 470 (Canadian Studies); ENGL 473 (Indigenous Literature in Canada); ENGL 481 (Canadian Poetry); ENGL 482 (Canadian Fiction); ENGL 483 (Studies in Canadian Literature);

3 upper-level credits of modern/contemporary British, American, or International Literature, e.g., ENGL 378 Documentary and Docudrama; ENGL 459 (3) Major Authors of the 20th Century; ENGL 450 (British and Anglo-Irish Literature before WW II); ENGL 451 (British and Anglo-Irish Literature after WW II); ENGL 452 (Modern British Poetry); ENGL 453 (Modern British and Anglo-Irish Novel); ENGL 454 (Contemporary British and Anglo-Irish Novel); ENGL 462 (20th-Century British and Irish Studies); ENGL 460 American Fiction in the First Half of the 20th Century; ENGL 461 American Fiction from the Mid-20th Century to Present (*over time, others may be added to this list.*)

3 upper-level credits in literary theory from ENGL 412 (Studies in Critical Theory); ENGL 409 (Modern Critical Theories);

3 upper-level credits of literature (your choice).

**Total credits of these upper level requirements: 33 credits**

BA students must complete at least 48 credits at the 300/400-level of which at least 30 credits must be completed at UBC Okanagan. If you follow this trajectory, you have 33 upper level credits at this point.

As electives, therefore, you must take 15 more upper level credits. Note: You need 18 upper level credits in another discipline (outside of creative writing and the required English credits.) You will need 120 credits to graduate—you can fill these credits up from any discipline and any level to take before you graduate so that you have the total 120 credits for a BA.

## **NOTE: A Minor in English**

To complete a Minor in English, students must accumulate no fewer than 30 credits and no more than 42 credits in English out of the 120 credits required for the B.A. degree. At least 18 of these credits must be numbered 300 or above. Creative Writing majors can probably meet these requirements with careful planning. Check with English program advisor.