

CREATIVE WRITING (MINOR)

Program Description

Literature has been central to the formation of collective identities across cultures, nations, and historical epochs. Though literary works are anchored in a particular time and place, many of them are read widely in other times and other places, and by cultures to which they would seem not to belong. The Literature and Creative Writing major at NYU Abu Dhabi is uniquely organized around problems presented by translation, adaptation, and circulation. Unlike many college literary curricula that restrict majors to the study of works in a single language or from a specific national tradition, this major engages students in critical conversations that cut across fields, and in doing so help to rethink the very foundations of literary studies and creative writing.

How are literary forms and the histories of literature and literary exchanges shaped by translation, by military victory and defeat, by colonization and postcolonialism, and by the rise of an economic world system? How do new forms and traditions of literature arise and is there such a thing as an emergent world or global literature? How might the imaginative encounter with other cultures renew our engagements with ourselves and our world? How do cultural, political, class, racial, or sexual differences inform and sustain a vision of a common world? How are literary studies and creative writing in dialogue with the other arts as well as with cultural analysis and theory? What is the role of literary writing in contemporary local and global contexts? What is the relationship between the written, the oral, and the performance? How do we define aesthetic significance across different cultural traditions and different literary modes? Students discuss these and other questions intensively with a distinguished faculty of scholars and writers who come from and work across a wide variety of literary cultures.

The Literature and Creative Writing Program teaches students to become effective analysts of culture, history, and politics, and to become confident writers across a wide range of genres. Creative writing seminars—open to the entire NYUAD student body—include instruction in poetry, fiction, non-fiction, literary journalism, and writing for stage and screen.

The minor in Creative Writing is open to all NYUAD students and offers students an opportunity to hone their skills in self-expression while exploring a full range of literary genres, including poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, literary journalism, dramatic writing, and screenwriting.

Program Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required Course		
LITCW-UH 1003	Introduction to Creative Writing	4
Minor Electives		
Select at least three Creative Writing electives for a minimum of 12 credits		12
Total Credits		16

Creative Writing Electives

Code	Title	Credits
CADT-UH 1092	Starting With Self	4
FILMM-UH 1012	Forms of Writing for the Screen	4
IM-UH 2316	Software Art: Text	2

LITCW-UH 1501	Feature Writing	4
LITCW-UH 1503	Letters From Afar: Travel Writing Abroad	2
LITCW-UH 1503G	Letters From Afar: Travel Writing Abroad	2
LITCW-UH 1506	Today We Wrote Nothing	4
LITCW-UH 1508	Shame and Shamelessness: The Craft of Confessional Writing	4
LITCW-UH 1509	The City and the Writer: New York City and Abu Dhabi	4
LITCW-UH 2341	Asian and Arab Diaspora in the Arts	4
LITCW-UH 2503	Advanced Creative Writing: Nonfiction Essay	4
LITCW-UH 2504	Creative Writing: How to Read a Poem	4
LITCW-UH 2510	Intermediate Creative Writing: Narrative Prose - Form and Style	4
LITCW-UH 3501	Advanced Creative Writing: Documentary Forms	4
LITCW-UH 3502	Advanced Creative Writing: A Novel in Fourteen Weeks	4
LITCW-UH 3504	Advanced Creative Writing: Workshop in Poetry	4
THEAT-UH 1112	Fundamentals of Playwriting	4
THEAT-UH 1129	Faith, Ideology and Power: Writing a play as an examination of contemporary times	4

Policies

NYU Policies

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NYU Abu Dhabi Policies

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