

Your Program Requirements

This program guide defines the 20.0 credits required for the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Creative Writing, including Major requirements (specific courses and course options), Arts & Science requirements and open electives.

Of the 20.0 credits required, the following applies:

- No more than 6.0 credits may be at the 1000 level
- At least 5.0 credits must be at the 3000 level or higher, including at least 1.0 credit at the 4000 level or higher
- At least 1.5 credits of Arts & Science courses must be at the 3000 or 4000 level

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Course Codes

Codes begin with a four letter subject code followed by four digits. The first digit indicates the year level of the course. For example, *GRPH-2004* designates a specific *Graphic Design* course at the *2000 level*. Generally, students complete 1000 and 2000 level courses before 3000 and 4000 level courses.

Course Weight

- 0.5 credit courses typically meet three hours per week for a 12-week term.
- 1.0 credit courses typically meet six hours per week for a 12-week term.

Major Requirements - Course Options

Although a specific number of credits are required from each category, you may choose to take additional courses from these lists as open electives.

Sample 4 Year (at the end of this package)

The program is structured so that it can be completed in four years, by a student taking 2.5 credits per term in the fall and winter terms (a limited number of courses are also offered in the spring/summer terms). The sample plan will help you plan your courses.

If you want to accelerate your program progression, are attending part time or with a reduced course load, and require planning support, please contact **Student**

Advising at ocadu.ca/services/academic-advising.

More Information

Your program and degree requirements are also reflected on your **My Progress** page within My OCAD U Records (Self-Service) at selfservice.ocadu.ca/student.

View course offerings (available sections), course descriptions, prerequisites and more in the **Course Catalogue** at selfservice.ocadu.ca/student/courses.

View **videos and guides** on program planning and registration at ocadu.ca/reg-guides.

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Major Requirements

Specific Courses:

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credit
CRWR-1003	Study & Practice I	0.5 credit
CRWR-1004	Study & Practice II	0.5 credit
CRWR-2001	Spoken Word/Slam/Dub	0.5 credit
CRWR-2002	Writing in Four Genres	0.5 credit
CRWR-2003	Research & Editing	0.5 credit
CRWR-2004	Writer in Community	0.5 credit
INVC-2003	Language and the Land	0.5 credit
IVCL-2002	Ways of Telling-Indigenous Lit	0.5 credit
CRWR-3001	Writing Poetry	0.5 credit
CRWR-3002	Writing Nonfiction	0.5 credit
CRWR-3003	Writing Fiction	0.5 credit
Total Course Credits: 5.5 credits		

Course Options: Complete the identified number of courses from EACH of the categories below.

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credit
Category A – Choose ONE course from the list below:		0.5 credit
GART-1070	Printmaking & Publications	
PRPB-2001	Think Ink! (1.0 credit)	
PRPB-2002	Relief and Letterpress	
PRPB-2003	Digital: Pre-press to Print	
PRPB-2005	Nano Publishing	
PRPB-2006	Introduction to Publications	
PRPB-2009	Bookbinding	
CRWR-3004	Literary Journal Creation (1.0 credit)	
PRPB-3001	Expanded Studio (1.0 credit)	
PRPB-3002	Editorial Studio	
PRPB-3003	Expanded Book	
Category B – Choose ONE course from the list below:		0.5 credit
DIGF-1007	Intro to Game Design	
EXAN-1001	Intro: Experimental Animation	
GART-1023	Narrative Drawing	
GART-1024	Narrative Media	
GART-1025	Photographic Narratives	
GDES-1015	Typography 1	

CRCP-2004	Criticism Practice	
EXAN-2002	Animated Storytelling	
GRPH-2004	Typography 2: Structures	
INTM-2001	The Moving Image: Fiction	
INTM-2004	Sonic Arts	
INTM-2005	Screenwriting	
INTM-2013	The Moving Image: Nonfiction	
VISD-2004	History and Evolution of Typography	
VISD-2010	Technologies of Writing	
INTM-3014	Concept and Script Development	
INTM-3016	Installation: Screen to Space	
CROS-3020	Stories in Expanded Worlds	
GDES-3069	Graphic Novel Illustration	
GDES-3075	Book Illustration	
GDES-3112	Storyboarding	
GRPH-3009	Experimental Typography	
Category C – Choose TWO courses from the list below:		1.0 credit
CRWR-3897	Field Placement (<i>1.0 credit</i>)	
CRWR-3898	Independent Study	
CRWR-4001	Spoken Forms & Performance	
CRWR-4002	Hybrid & Experimental Writing	
CRWR-4003	Professional Practice for Writers	
CRWR-4903	Major Project/Thesis -Part 1	
CRWR-4904	Major Project/Thesis -Part 2	
Category D – Complete requirement below:		
Level 2000	HUMN or SOSC course	0.5 credit
Category E – Complete requirements below:		
Level 2000	ENGL courses	1.0 credit
Category F – Complete requirements below:		
Level 3000/ 4000	ENGL courses (<i>ENGL-3004 recommended</i>)	1.0 credit
Total Course Credits: 4.5 credits		

Arts & Science Requirements:

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credit
Category G – Choose ONE course from the list below:		0.5 credit
ENGL-1003	The Essay & the Argument	
ENGL-1004	Essay and the Argument: ELL	
Category H – Choose TWO courses from the list below:		1.0 credit
IVCV-1001	Turtle Island Visual Culture	
VISC-1001	Global Vis & Mat Cult: to 1800	
VISC-1002	Global Vis & Mat Cult: to Pres	

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credit
Category G – Choose ONE course from the list below:		0.5 credit
VISC-1004	Contemporary Art and Design	
Category I – Complete requirements below:		
Level 2000/ 3000/4000	Visual culture courses (IVCV, VISA, VISC, VISD, VISM)	1.0 credit
Category J – Complete requirements below:		
Level 2000/ 3000/4000	Breadth elective courses (HUMN, IVCL, SCTM, SOSC)	1.5 credits
Category K – Complete requirements below:		
Level 2000/ 3000/4000	Breadth elective and/or visual culture courses (HUMN, IVCL, IVCV, SCTM, SOSC, VISA, VISC, VISD, VISM)	1.0 credit
Total Course Credits: 5.0 credits		

Open Electives:

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credit
Level 1000/ 2000/3000/ 4000 or higher	Open electives	5.0 credits
Total Course Credits: 5.0 credits		

Notes:

An **open elective** may be chosen from any of the following subject areas: ADVN, ASOC, BUSI, CRCP, CROS, CRWR, DIGF, DRPT, ENVR, ENGL, EXAN, FABR, GART, GDES, GRPH, HUMN, ILLU, INDS, INTM, INVC, IVCA, IVCD, IVCL, IVCV, LIFE, MAAD, PHOT, PRNT, PRPB, SCIN, SCTM, SOSC, VISA, VISC, VISD, VISM.

Senior undergraduate students in good academic standing may take graduate courses at the **5000 level** from any of the following subject areas: CADN, CRCP, DHEA, DIGF, INCD, SFIN. Inquiries regarding access to 5000 level courses should be directed to the student's Faculty Office.

Students who have completed a minimum of 4.0 credits and are in good academic standing may **declare a minor**. Only open electives and general Arts & Science courses may fulfill both degree and minor requirements, subject to the credit limits stipulated in this program guide. For more information on minors: ocadu.ca/academics/minors.

Sample 4 Year Plan		Creative Writing
<i>Course offerings and scheduling vary by year; in some cases it may not be possible to follow the sample plan exactly as listed.</i>		
YEAR	REQUIREMENTS	COURSE CREDIT
Year 1	Specified Course(s): Take CRWR-1003, CRWR-1004 and CRWR-2004	1.5 credits
	Course Option(s): Choose one course from Category D option list	0.5 credit
	Arts & Science: Choose one course from Category G option list	0.5 credit
	Arts & Science: Choose two courses from Category H option list	1.0 credit
	Open Elective(s): Choose three courses	1.5 credits
Year 2	Specified Course(s): Take CRWR-2001, CRWR-2002, CRWR-2003 and INVC-2003	2.0 credits
	Course Option(s): Choose one course from Category A option list	0.5 credit
	Course Option(s): Choose two courses from Category E option list	1.0 credit
	Arts & Science: Choose two courses from Category I, J and/or K	1.0 credit
	Open Elective(s): Choose one course	0.5 credit
Year 3	Specified Course(s): Take CRWR-3001, CRWR-3002, CRWR-3003 and IVCL-2002	2.0 credits
	Course Option(s): Choose one course from Category B option list	0.5 credit
	Course Option(s): Choose two courses from Category F option list	1.0 credit
	Arts & Science: Choose one course from Category I, J and/or K	0.5 credit
	Open Elective(s): Choose two courses	1.0 credit
Year 4	Course Option(s): Choose two courses from Category C option list	1.0 credit
	Arts & Science: Choose four courses from Category I, J and/or K	2.0 credits
	Open Elective(s): Choose four courses	2.0 credits
Notes:		
Open electives, Arts & Science courses, and Year 3 and 4 requirements, may be taken in any order, subject to meeting course prerequisites.		
Ensure that overall requirements are met (minimum and maximum requirements for year level and Arts & Science).		