



DEGREE AND PROGRAM OFFERED

Master of Arts in English: The Writer's Craft

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Writer's Craft is the only graduate writing program in Northern California that allows students to customize their degree, combining the areas of Creative Writing, Professional Writing, and Teaching Writing. The avenues for well-trained and talented writers and teachers are constantly evolving, and our program reflects these changes and provides exciting opportunities for our student writers.

Teachers, writers, professionals: these are people who take our courses. These are people who live to write and write to live.

FORMAT

Our workshops and seminars are offered in an evening, accelerated format, and many can be completed online.

Each degree will have a self-designed nature, as students will choose which combination of professional writing, creative writing, and composition studies suits their personal and professional goals. Students will be able to complete the degree in two academic years, and each English 201: Creative Writing Workshop and English 202: Professional Writing Workshop course may be taken on-line rather than on campus. In some cases, we will attract off-site writers and teachers to teach workshops on-line, from their own locations.

FACULTY

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The hybrid nature of The Writer's Craft reflects the varied interests and experiences of our Program Director, D.W. Schmidt. Dr. Schmidt recently completed a collection of humorous narrative essays (what he calls "true stories") entitled *Houndini and Other Tales*. He is currently at work on a second collection tentatively called *Life in the Middle Lane*.

Because we continually recruit outstanding visiting faculty, each term offers new opportunities for instructors and students to sharpen their skills and pursue their passion together.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Required Units: 33

Portal Courses 6 units

English 140 Close Encounters with Literature (3)

English 108 Professional Writing (3)

Literature Core 9 units

English 220 Fiction (3)

English 221 Poetry (3)

English 222 Dramatic Literature (3)

English 214 Shakespeare (3)

English 233 American Self Images (3)

English 248 Selected Topics in British Literature (3)

English 251 Children's Literature (3)

English 275 Literature in Translation (3)

Writing Workshops/Seminars 12 units

Courses may be repeated for credit

English 201 Workshop in Creative Writing (3)

English 202 Workshop in Professional Writing (3)

English 203 Seminar in Composition Studies (3)

Final Project 6 units

English 299 The Writer's Project (6)

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