



Online Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

Are you driven by your passion for writing? Do you want to hone your writing skills in the company of other accomplished writers? Maybe you hope to one day teach other writers while also publishing your own work. If this is you, then the **online MFA in Creative Writing from UTEP** is the right degree for you.

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As a student in our program you will

- Have the ability and opportunity to interact with and learn from published authors and literary figures
- Study and perfect your craft with world-renowned, award-winning faculty
- Be part of an exclusive community of writers without borders
- Learn how to make time for writing in the midst of your busy schedule and practice strategies designed to help you become a better writer

Our faculty is filled with names you will recognize including Rosa Alcalá, Andrea Cote Botero, José de Piérola, Tim Z. Hernandez, Sasha R. Pimentel, Jeff Sirkin, Lex Williford, Sylvia Aguilar and Daniel Chacón. We also have Visiting Writers every semester and provide every opportunity for you to learn from the best. In the past we have hosted Natalie Diaz, Laurie Ann Guerrero, and Heather Hartley.



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Admissions Requirements

Admission into the online Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program is extremely competitive. To qualify, you must

- Have a bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited college or university
- Submit a completed graduate admission application and the application fee
- Submit official transcripts in accordance with the requirements of the Graduate School
- Provide
 - a professional-quality writing sample: 8-10 poems or 20 pages of fiction
 - a Statement of Purpose, no more than three pages, outlining why you want to be a writer, your literary influences, and how you intend to use your MFA experience to achieve your goals
 - three letters of recommendation

The writing sample and Statement of Purpose are the most important criteria for admission into the program.

Curriculum

The online master of fine arts in creative writing requires a total of 48 semester credit hours; this includes 42 semester credit hours of workshops and literature classes, and six hours of thesis during which students complete a publishable manuscript in poetry or fiction.

Form and Theory Courses	9 semester credit hours
Workshop Courses	15 semester credit hours
Literature Courses	12 semester credit hours
Electives	6 semester credit hours
Thesis	6 semester credit hours
Total Credits for Degree Completion	48 semester credit hours

A detailed list of courses is available at <https://www.utep.edu/liberalarts/creative-writing/academic-programs/online/curriculum.html>.

Note: Curriculum is subject to change.



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