MFA in Creative Writing Checklist

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**Fiction**  
The requirements for the MFA in Creative Writing - Fiction degree consists of 18 hours of core MFA courses, 15 hours of Literature, 9 hours of cognate, and 6 hours of thesis, totaling 48 hours.

**Core Courses (18 Hours)**

ENG 5315 Fiction Workshop\* \_\_\_\_

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ENG 5320 Form and Theory of Fiction \_\_\_\_

ENG 5395 Problems in Lang and Lit\*\* \_\_\_\_

\*Workshops must be taken with four different professors, of which one may be an Endowed Chair holder.

\*\*Up to 9 hours of Problems courses under different topics may be counted for credit. One is required and the other two count towards the Cognate area.

**Literature Courses (15 Hours)**

Any 5 of the following:

ENG 5312 Editing the Professional Publication\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5321 Contemporary Fiction \_\_\_\_

ENG 5323 Studies in Biography and Autobiography\*\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5324 Studies in Literary Genre\*\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5325 Studies in Southwest Lit\*\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5331 Studies in American Poetry\*\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5332 Studies in American Prose\*\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5345 Southwestern Studies I \_\_\_\_

ENG 5346 Southwestern Studies II \_\_\_\_

ENG 5353 Studies in Medieval Lit\*\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5354 Studies in Renaissance Lit\*\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5359 Studies in Restoration and 18th Century Lit\*\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5364 Studies in the Romantic Movement\*\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5366 Studies in Victorian Poetry\*\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5368 Studies in Victorian Prose\*\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5371 Studies in Modern British Lit\*\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5381 Studies in Modern Brit & American Drama\*\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5388 Studies in Lit for Children\*\* \_\_\_\_

ENG 5389 History of Children’s Lit\*\* \_\_\_\_

\**Front Porch* (5312) can only be taken twice for credit.

\*\*Courses may be repeated under different topics for up to 9 hours of credit.

**Thesis (6 Hours)**

Taken the final two semesters. You must be registered in 5399B the semester you graduate.

ENG 5399A Thesis \_\_\_\_   
ENG 5399B Thesis \_\_\_\_

**Practicum (3 Hours)** *Only For students with IA or TA*

Students with an IA or TA ship are required to take a practicum course. This course does not count for credit toward the degree requirements, but will be taken as course hours and should be planned for accordingly. You pay no tuition for this course.

Practicum Course: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Cognate (9 Hours)**

3 Graduate level courses. With an “Open Cognate,” these may come from Literature, Rhetoric and Composition, Technical Writing, or up to 3 hours in another department with the approval of the MFA director. It is highly recommended that two of your cognate courses consist of ENG 5395 Problems in Language and Lit to help round out your MFA in Fiction credit hours.

In order to “minor” in a different department, you must request permission to take 9 credit hours from that department, have the other department’s faculty advisor sign off on your permission to take those 9 hours, and complete any prerequisites you are required to complete before taking them.

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