INTRODUCING CMU’S NEW UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN CREATIVE WRITING

**Mission:** This 15 credit hour undergraduate certificate program in Creative Writing will equip students with the skills, knowledge, and values necessary to make successful contributions to the literary arts. It will prepare students for graduate work in the ever-expanding field of Creative Writing, and will foster skills relevant to a variety of careers, including professional writing, publishing, editing, teaching, and advertising.

**Question:** Do I have to be an English Major to earn this Certificate?
**Answer:** No! The Creative Writing Certificate can be added to any degree program, regardless of major or minor.

**Question:** If I am already enrolled as an English Major, can I earn this Certificate?
**Answer:** Yes! Regardless of your major, this Certificate will appear on your transcript as recognition of your work in creative writing.

Students in this program will have the opportunity to:

- Be mentored by CMU’s award-winning Creative Writing faculty, all of whom are widely published authors
- Join a thriving Creative Writing program at CMU that includes our Writers Series, which brings nationally prominent poets and fiction writers for readings and classroom visits
- Attend the Wellspring Literary Series, a collaborative CMU-Mount Pleasant reading series that draws large, enthusiastic crowds
- Join our undergraduate writing groups, The Fiction Collective and the Poets’ Collective.

Students in the program will select 15 hours from the following sequence:

**Required Courses I** (6 hours):

- ENG 234 Introduction to Literary Analysis (3)
- ENG 294 Introduction to Creative Writing (3)

**Required Courses II** (3-6 hours):

- Students may focus in poetry, prose, or both by selecting 3-6 hours from the following:
  - ENG 301 Nonfiction Writing 3(3-0)
  - ENG 391 Creative Writing: Fiction 3(3-0)
  - ENG 392 Creative Writing: Poetry 3(3-0)

**Required courses III** (3-6 hours):

- Students may focus in poetry, prose, or both by selecting 3-6 hours from the following:
  - ENG 491 Advanced Fiction Writing 3-6(3-0)
  - ENG 492 Advanced Poetry Writing 3-6(3-0)
  - ENG 493 Advanced Nonfiction Writing 3-6(3-0)

**Total 15 semester hours**

For more information about CMU’s Creative Writing Program, visit our Web site:

https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/chsbs/CreativeWriting/Pages/default.aspx

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