

CREATIVE WRITING, MAJOR (0005)

Western Sydney University Major Code: 0005

Previous Code: M1113.1

Available to students in other Western Sydney University

Programs: Yes. Check that your program has the available credit points required to complete the subjects in this field of study. Any requisite requirements must also be met. Consult your Program Advisor for further advice.

The Creative Writing major provides students the opportunity to produce their own creative writing and to edit and publish their work. Students study with professional authors, editors and publishers from the Writing and Society Research Centre and staff from the School of Humanities and Communication Arts. In addition, students have the opportunity to study contemporary approaches to language and literary studies, including literary criticism and theory, linguistic analysis, genre and textual study, and to read and examine a wide selection of modern and classic literatures. Career prospects include publishing, editing, teaching, writing and advertising.

Location

Campus	Mode	Advice
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Internal	EnquiriesHCA@westernsydney.edu.au

Major Structure

Students must successfully complete 80 credit points as follows.

Please note all Bachelor of Arts students including Pathways to Teaching, Dean's Scholars and double degrees must complete the structure under the heading Bachelor of Arts.

Please note all Bachelor of Creative Industries students including double degrees must complete the structure under the heading Bachelor of Creative Industries.

This major is available to students in other Western Sydney University programs. If the major is available on your campus, the program structure allows space for enrolment in the major and pre-requisite requirements can be met, please follow the structure under the heading Bachelor of Arts. Consult your Program Advisor for further advice.

Note: Not all subjects will be offered each year. Subjects will be offered on a rotational basis.

Bachelor of Arts Students

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Compulsory Subjects		
COMM 1009	Creative Writing: Practical Skills and Knowledge	10
COMM 1010	Creative Writing: The Imaginative Life	10
LANG 2056	Writing Industries	10
COMM 3043	Writing Portfolio	10
Total Credit Points		40

Bachelor of Creative Industries Students

Creative Industries students must complete their Introduction to major subject as part of the core requirements of the program, prior to enrolling in this major.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
COMM 1010	Creative Writing: The Imaginative Life	10

Creative Industry students must complete the three compulsory subjects below and must complete five subjects from the Level 2 / Level 3 subject pool with a minimum of 2 subjects at Level 3. See below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Compulsory Subjects		
COMM 1009	Creative Writing: Practical Skills and Knowledge	10
LANG 2056	Writing Industries	10
COMM 3043	Writing Portfolio	10
Total Credit Points		30

Pool Subjects

Bachelor of Arts students must complete four subjects from the list below, with a minimum of two subjects at Level 3. Bachelor of Creative Industries students must complete five subjects from the list below, with a minimum of two subjects at Level 3.

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Level 2 Subject Pool

Subject	Title	Credit Points
COMM 2016	Experimental Writing and Electronic Publication	10
LANG 2033	Literature and Decolonisation	10
LANG 2050	Medieval and Early Modern Literature	10
LANG 2036	Modern Australian Poetry and Poetics	10
LANG 2058	Race in Literature	10
HUMN 2044	Representing Everyday Life in Literary and Visual Cultures	10
LANG 2039	The Short Story: Nineteenth Century Women's Writing	10
LANG 2044	The Gothic	10
LANG 2048	Working Grammar	10
LANG 2051	Writing and Reading Sci-Fi and Fantasy	10
COMM 2043	Writing Fiction	10

Level 3 Subject Pool (choose at least two)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LANG 3001	19th Century American Literature	10
LANG 3002	20th Century American Literature	10
COMM 3005	Australian Textual Studies	10
LANG 3019	Children's and Young Adult Fiction	10
LANG 3018	Children's Literature: Image and Text	10
LANG 3100	Comedy and Tragedy: Dramas of Death and Rebirth	10
LANG 3069	Contemporary Irish Writing	10
LANG 3027	Creative Non-Fiction	10
COMM 3013	Creative Writing Project	10
LANG 3028	Crime Fiction	10
LANG 3033	Film and Drama	10
LANG 3050	Introduction to Stylistics	10
LANG 3059	Law, Literature and Culture	10
LANG 3061	Literary Animals	10

CART 3001	Modernism	10
LANG 3066	Postcolonial Literatures	10
CULT 3020	Representing Crime	10
LANG 3072	Short Fiction in the Americas	10
LANG 3086	The Novel	10
LANG 3087	Women's Writing	10
LANG 3089	World Literature in Translation	10
LANG 3091	Writing and Society	10
COMM 3041	Writing For Performance	10
COMM 3042	Writing Poetry	10

Equivalent Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this Major for students who passed these subjects in 2023 or earlier.

LANG 3068 - Race in Literature, replaced by LANG 2058 Race in Literature

The subject listed below counts towards completion of this Major for students who passed this subject in 2021 or earlier.

COMM 2014 - Editing and Publishing, replaced by LANG 2056 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/lang2056/>) Writing Industries

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this Major for students who passed these subjects in 2019 or earlier.

LANG 3064 - Literatures of Decolonisation, no longer offered

BEHV 3013 - Humanities Internship, no longer offered as part of this major

PERF 2024 - The Musical, no longer offered

LANG 2042 - Studies in Postcolonial Literature, replaced by LANG 3066 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/search/?P=LANG%203066>) Postcolonial Literatures: Partition, Dependence and Exile

LANG 3092 - The Space of Literature, no longer offered

LANG 3088 - Women, Travel and Empire, no longer offered

LANG 3090 - Writing and Reading Sci Fi and Fantasy, replaced by LANG 2051 Writing and Reading Sci-Fi and Fantasy

Note: the Level 3 subject BEHV 3013 Humanities Internship cannot count towards completion of SM1129 English Teaching Specialisation (Birth-5/Birth-12) or M1126 Education Studies Major - Primary English Teaching Specialisation for students enrolled in programs 1708 Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5/Birth - 12), 1651 Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary), 1822 Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) Dean's Scholars, 6017 Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth-5/Birth-12), 6019 Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary), as this would not satisfy the professional accreditation requirements for NESA.

Related Programs

Bachelor of Arts (1706) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Dean's Scholars) (1655) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-deans-scholars/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5/Birth - 12) (1708) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-birth-5-birth-12/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (1651) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) Dean's Scholars (1822) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary-deans-scholars/>)

Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) (1652) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-secondary/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business (1818) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-business/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Creative Industries (1842) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-creative-industries/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (2537) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-laws/>)

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science (1808) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-arts-bachelor-social-science/>)

Bachelor of Communication/Bachelor of Creative Industries (1840) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-communication-bachelor-creative-industries/>)

Bachelor of Creative Industries (1838) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-creative-industries/>)

Bachelor of Design/Bachelor of Creative Industries (1839) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-design-bachelor-creative-industries/>)

Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology/Bachelor of Arts (3654) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-information-communications-technology-bachelor-arts/>)

Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Creative Industries (1841) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-music-bachelor-creative-industries/>)

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts (3763) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-science-bachelor-arts/>)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) (6019) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-primary/>)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (6005) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts/>)

Diploma in Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth-5/Birth-12) (6017) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-arts-bachelor-arts-pathway-teaching-birth-5-birth-12/>)