

Graduate Certificate in Advanced Writing

Designed for You

- Writers interested in developing and publishing their creative nonfiction;
- Graduate students in English and related fields;
- Educators seeking writing-specific training and credentials;
- Working professionals who either are currently employed or will be seeking employment as experts in written communication;
- Individuals who work in community service organizations;
- Individuals dedicated to cultural activities in the community.

Course Work Required

A minimum of 9 credits from the list of approved **core** courses;
A total of 15 credits from the complete list of approved courses.

Approved Core Courses (9 hours required)

English Department

English 8826: Autobiography
English 8846: Travel Writing
English 8866: Modern Familiar Essay
English 8850: Seminar: Spiritual Nonfiction
English 8870: Seminar: Publishing Nonfiction
English 8890: Seminar: Experiments in Creative Nonfiction
English 8966: Topics—Narrative Nonfiction

Other Approved Courses (up to 6 hours allowed)

English Department

English 8806: English Internship (NU Press, NebraskaLand, etc.)
English 8816: Digital Literacies
English 8836: Technical Communication
English 8856: Information Design
English 8876: Technical Editing
English 8966: Topics—Creative Writing Pedagogy
English 8966: The Rhetoric of the Sentence
English 8800: Seminar: Characters and Conflict

Public Administration

PA 8520: Seminar in Grant Writing

Education

TED 8410: Oxbow Writing Project
TED 8616: Teaching Writing Throughout the Curriculum

Portfolio Requirement

Students will assemble a portfolio representing their achievement in the five courses applied toward the Advanced Writing Certificate. The portfolio will contain one writing sample from each course and will be reviewed by the student's advisor and one other graduate faculty member involved in offering courses approved for the Advanced Writing Certificate. As part of the portfolio requirement, each student will make an oral presentation to the reviewing professors. The website for the Advanced Writing Certificate contains a detailed description of the portfolio requirement and the deadlines for submission—www.unomaha.edu/english/advanced.php

Quality of Work Required

Students must earn a grade of “B” (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better in each course applied toward the 15 credits required for the Graduate Certificate in Advanced Writing.

Admission to the Graduate Certificate in Advanced Writing:

- (1) A baccalaureate degree with at least a 3.0 GPA and a brief Letter of Intent that explains your purpose in seeking the ADWR Certificate.
- (2) Submit your Letter of Intent as part of your electronic application to the Graduate College. All documents must be on file before admission review can begin.

Apply Online

Online application is available at the following website:

<http://apply.unomaha.edu> (then select “grad” “grad certificate” and **Advanced Writing (under field)**)

Two transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate course work must be sent to the Graduate College. UNO graduates need not supply transcripts. New students can pay online. Students currently pursuing the MA in English need not pay an additional fee.

Faculty Advisor and Mentor

At the time of admission, each student is assigned a faculty advisor/mentor who will work closely with the student in planning the course of study and in assembling the required portfolio.

Earning Both the Advanced Writing Certificate and the MA Degree

With careful planning, all 15 hours required for the Advanced Writing Certificate can also be applied toward the MA degree.

Advanced Writing Certificate Faculty

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