MASTER OF FINE ARTS: CREATIVE WRITING & MEDIA ARTS - CREATIVE NONFICTION EMPHASIS

Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from this program will:

• Show mastery of storytelling craft through the creation of a full-length manuscript of creative nonfiction that: a) is structurally sound; b) is polished and complete; c) has a distinct voice and/or vision.
• Show evidence of effective problem-solving and revision strategies
• Demonstrate a deliberate, masterful command of language, including: a) Style; b) grammar and mechanics.
• Demonstrate, in the text or critical introduction, a proficiency in at least one genre outside of their primary field and the ability to apply the techniques of their secondary genres to the work they produce in their primary field of study.
• Demonstrate sophisticated critical analyses of literary texts, including an understanding of how a text displays a writer’s artistic techniques and the ability to incorporate those techniques into their own writing.
• Demonstrate thorough knowledge of the literary traditions of their primary genre and the ability to situate their own work within current literary conversation.

Coursework

This emphasis follows the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing and Media Arts (http://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/academic-departments-programs/english-language-literature/master-of-fine-arts-creative-writing-media-arts/) Program Requirements. Students must complete the following coursework for this emphasis:

I. 12 hours of craft workshop: Students choose 4 workshops in their core genre

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II. 6 hours of the interdisciplinary component. Students choose at least two craft, workshop, or production courses outside their core genre in English, Theatre, or Communication Studies.

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### III. 12 hours of literature courses are required. 15 hours are recommended.

Students will choose from among more than 65 literature courses listed below. Their principal focus will be in the core genre in which they plan to write their final portfolio, but they may also reach into other genres as well. With their advisor’s permission, students may also choose courses from other departments.

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IV. 6 hours of Thesis Portfolio: ENGLISH 5598A

V. 6 hours Electives

From the list of literary classes above, students complete sufficient credit hours to bring the total of all requirements to 42 credit hours. With advisor's approval, students may also select electives from other departments.