Creative Writing

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Faculty

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Geri Doran, associate professor (poetry). BA, 1986, Vassar; MFA, 1995, Florida. (2007)

Garrett K. Hongo, College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor (poetry). BA, 1973, Pomona; MFA, 1980, California, Irvine. (1989)

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Richard M. Lyons, professor emeritus. BA, 1957, Brooklyn; MFA, 1962, Iowa. (1969)

The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.

Undergraduate Studies

The Creative Writing Program offers two formal courses of study for University of Oregon undergraduates:

Minor in Creative Writing

The creative writing minor offers courses in which students study matters of craft by reading and writing creative works, develop critical thinking and interpretive skills, hone their ability to articulate complex ideas with subtlety and clarity, and gain instruction in the mechanics of writing. Students must take courses for letter grades. Course work required for the minor must be passed with grades of B– or better.

Of the 24 required credits, a maximum of 8 credits at the 200 or 300 level may be transferred. All courses at the 400 level must be taken in residence at the University of Oregon.

Select two from one of the following groups:		8
Group 1		
CRWR 225	Kidd Tutorial I [1]	
CRWR 235	Kidd Tutorial II: Poetry [1]	
or CRWR 245	Kidd Tutorial II: Fiction	
Group 2		
CRWR 230	Introduction to Poetry Writing	
CRWR 240	Introduction to Fiction Writing	
Select two of the following:		8
CRWR 330	Intermediate Poetry Writing [2]	
CRWR 335	Kidd Tutorial III: Poetry [1]	
or CRWR 345	Kidd Tutorial III: Fiction	
CRWR 336	Intermediate Creative Writing: Literary Nonfiction [2]	
CRWR 340	Intermediate Fiction Writing [2]	
Select two of the following:		8
CRWR 407	Seminar: [Topic]	
CRWR 413	Literature for Poets [2]	
CRWR 414	Literature for Fiction Writers [2]	
CRWR 435	Advanced Poetry Writing [2]	
CRWR 445	Advanced Fiction Writing [2]	
Total Credits		**24**

1. Nontransferable. Kidd Tutorial courses are by application only.
2. Repeatable for credit.

Questions regarding the minor should be addressed to the program director. Students must apply for the minor through the program's office well in advance of graduation for transcript evaluation. In order be eligible for the minor, students must complete all degree requirements and a major in another academic department.

Kidd Tutorial Program

Implemented through the generosity of the Walter P. Kidd family, this yearlong tutorial offers the chance to study writing and literary craft using literary models. The program, which requires a three-term commitment from participants, accommodates a highly flexible and individualized study of fiction, poetry, and literary nonfiction writing. Each section matches one graduate teaching fellow—a poet or fiction writer—with as many as nine students and is overseen by the codirectors of the Kidd Tutorial Program. Participants earn 12 credits in Kidd Tutorial I (CRWR 225), Kidd Tutorial II: Poetry (CRWR 235), Kidd Tutorial III: Poetry (CRWR 335) or Kidd Tutorial I (CRWR 225), Kidd Tutorial II: Fiction (CRWR 245). Kidd Tutorial III: Fiction (CRWR 345). Information about application procedures is available on the program's website.

Graduate Studies

Master of Fine Arts Degree

Admission Requirements

1. Bachelor's degree
2. Other materials submitted for admission giving evidence that the applicant will be able to complete the prescribed course of study satisfactorily

Admission Procedures

Apply online from the Creative Writing Program's website; the $50 application fee may be paid by credit card (nonrefundable). The online application requires the following:

- Personal statement (PDF upload)
- Sample of the applicant's writing (PDF upload)
- Transcripts (PDF upload)
- Contact information for as many as four people (three are required) who agree to offer a recommendation

Arrange to have official copies of transcripts sent from institutions where a degree was earned to the UO Office of Admissions.

Application materials must be submitted online by January 15 for admission to the program the following fall term. Admission is made for fall term only. Find information and application instructions on the program's website.

Master of Fine Arts Degree Requirements

The candidate must complete the graduate work during six consecutive terms in residence at the university. The candidate must pass a written examination on a reading list of works of fiction or poetry.

CRWR 605	Writing and Conference: [Topic]	9
CRWR 607	Seminar: [Topic] (MFA Seminar)	18
CRWR 609	Terminal Creative Project: [Topic]	9
CRWR 635	MFA Poetry Workshop	36
or CRWR 645	MFA Fiction Workshop	
Total Credits		**72**