

## What Can I Do With a Major in **CREATIVE WRITING?**

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When studying Creative Writing, you learn about the power of language and the structures of storytelling. Creative writing programs increase your vocabulary, understanding of style and form, and creative thinking abilities. Your knowledge of literature strengthens your analytical and interpretive skills and your understanding of human interaction. These qualities, coupled with the ability to communicate correctly, clearly, and effectively verbally and in writing, opens the door to many career opportunities.

### **Typical Coursework**

British Literature	Drama
American Literature	Global Literature
The Novel	Poetry
Short Stories	Children's Literature
Screenwriting	Literary Criticism
Playwriting	Research Techniques
Creative Nonfiction	Publication Practices

### **Related Major Skills**

Influencing and persuading	Clear self expression
Clarifying ideas	Making oral presentations
Creative problem solving	Storytelling in multiple formats
Interpreting ideas	Summarizing ideas
Thinking outside the box	Editing skills
Creative writing	Strong verbal and written communication skills

### **Directly Related Occupations**

Advertising Copywriter	Manuscript Reader
Author	News Reporter
Biographer	Novelist
Book Critic	Playwright
Communications Manager	Proofreader
Copywriter	Publisher
Creative Writer	Radio/TV Commentator
Editor	Speech Writer
Freelance Writer	Technical Writer
Greeting Card Writer	Grant Writer
High School Teacher	Marketing director
Journalist	University & College Professor
Librarian	Video Scriptwriter/Producer
Magazine Writer	Content Writer
Events Coordinator	Digital Writer/Editor
Communications Writer	

## **Who Hires for this Occupation?**

Advertising companies, newspapers, magazine & book publishers, public relations & marketing departments, Internet content departments, events and outreach departments, TV & radio stations, religious & civic organizations, arts nonprofits, trade publications, libraries, and schools.

## **Minnesota Colleges & Universities with Undergraduate Degrees in Creative Writing**

Augsburg College	Macalester College
Bemidji State University	Minnesota State Univ., Mankato
College of Saint Benedict	Southwest Minnesota State University
College St. Olaf College	St. John's University
Concordia College	St. Catherine University
Gustavus Adolphus	St. Cloud State University
Hamline University	University of St. Thomas
Metropolitan State University	Winona State University

(Source: Association of Writing Programs Guide to Writing Programs)

## **Professional Association Links**

Association of American Publishers, <http://www.publishers.org/>  
Association of Directory of Publishers, [www.adp.org/](http://www.adp.org/)  
Association of Writers and Writing Programs <https://www.awpwriter.org>  
Magazine Publishers of America, <http://www.magazine.org/>  
National Newspaper Publishing Association, <http://nnpa.org/>  
National Book Critics Circle <http://bookcritics.org>  
National Writers Union <https://nwu.org>  
Small Publishers, Artists, & Writers Network, <http://www.spawn.org/>

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