The Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing has three concentrations: poetry, fiction, and non-fiction. Students must successfully complete 48 graduate credits, distributed as follows:

**FORMS COURSE**  
3 CREDIT HOURS - IN A STUDENT’S CONCENTRATION  
ENGH 564: Forms of Poetry  
ENGH 565: Forms of Nonfiction  
ENGH 566: Forms of Fiction  
This should be taken in the first semester.

**CRAFT SEMINAR**  
6 CREDIT HOURS - IN A STUDENT’S CONCENTRATION  
Students may begin taking these courses in their first semester. More than the minimum may be taken and counted as electives. ENGH 608s of another genre may be used to meet the “other genre” requirement. ENGH 608s vary in topic and genre from semester to semester. ENGH 608s taken to fulfill this requirement should be specific to a student’s genre of study. Contact the graduate programs manager if you have questions about whether a specific ENGH 608 falls within your genre of study.

**WORKSHOPS**  
9 CREDIT HOURS - IN A STUDENT’S CONCENTRATION: Courses or equivalent should include at least one section of ENGH 616 (nonfiction), ENGH 617 (poetry), or ENGL 618 (fiction), as appropriate to a student’s genre of study, and at least three credit hours of ENGH 750 (poetry), 751 (fiction), or ENGH 752 (nonfiction), as appropriate to a student’s genre of study. In each concentration, either a 600-level or 700-level workshop may be repeated as a third class to complete this requirement. ENGH 619, a special topics course, may also be taken as a third class to complete this requirement.

**OTHER GENRE**  
3 CREDIT HOURS - OUTSIDE A STUDENT’S CONCENTRATION  
This course is normally taken after the 1st year. For students in poetry it could be a forms course, ENGH 608, or ENGL 619 in fiction or nonfiction; for fiction students it could be a forms course, ENGH 608, or ENGL 619 in poetry or nonfiction; for nonfiction students it could be a forms course, ENGH 608, or ENGH 619 in poetry or fiction.

**LITERATURE COURSES**  
6 CREDIT HOURS  
Any graduate-level literature courses meet this requirement. Contact the graduate programs manager if you have questions about whether a specific course is a literature course. ENGH 608s and ENGH 619s are NOT literature courses.

**ELECTIVE COURSES**  
15 CREDIT HOURS: Includes additional literature courses (more than the minimum are recommended) and writing courses beyond requirements. May include ENGH 798 (independent studies) [up to a max of 12 credit hours—nine hours max if three credit hours are counted for literature credit].

**THESIS CREDIT**  
6 CREDIT HOURS  
Students take credit hours of thesis over two or more semesters. 3 credits hours of thesis must be taken in the initial semester. The remaining credit hours may be divided until the thesis is completed. Once enrolled in thesis, students must continue to register for thesis until the final thesis is turned in, even if it results in extra thesis credits. Extra thesis credits cannot be applied toward the degree.

**NON-COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**MFA EXAM**  
date passed  
This exam is a requirement for all poetry students.

**MFA PROJECT**  
date submitted  
This project is a requirement for all fiction and nonfiction students. Fiction and nonfiction students may opt to take the MFA exam rather than complete a project.