Master of Arts in English and Creative Writing

ONLINE AND ON LOCATION
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Find Your Voice. Refine Your Craft.

Spend time with your two great loves — reading and writing — while developing the critical thinking and communication skills that can help you succeed professionally and feel fulfilled personally.

Southern New Hampshire University’s Master of Arts in English and Creative Writing online focuses on literature and creative writing in your chosen genre. Satisfy your personal and professional goals by honing your craft and communication skills. You’ll improve your writing and deepen your understanding of literature by studying the works of accomplished authors.

By the end of the program, you will have completed a professional-quality manuscript in your genre.

Why Choose SNHU?

SNHU, a private, nonprofit, fully accredited university, has an 80-year history of educating successful professionals. Our university is home to the New Hampshire Writers’ Project and a destination for nationally recognized writers who perform readings and participate in workshops and lectures.

Advantages to earning your online master’s in English and Creative Writing degree at SNHU include:

• One of the most affordable online English and Creative Writing graduate degrees available
• Earn your degree in as few as 15 months (with two courses per 10-week term)
• Exceptional student support – dedicated admission, academic and career advisors, 24/7 help desk, virtual community
• Classes taught by professional writers and literature experts
• Multiple term starts throughout the year
• No upfront payment with employer tuition reimbursement
• No GRE or GMAT required

Outcomes

The critical thinking, analysis and writing skills you develop in the Master of Arts in English and Creative Writing program can serve you well in any field, including business, marketing, communications, publishing, law, journalism and teaching. Graduates may also wish to pursue careers as copywriters, editors, screenwriters or journalists.

Certified teachers will improve their understanding of reading and writing while earning a master’s that can increase their earning potential. The MA in English and Creative Writing also can be a steppingstone toward a PhD program in literature or English.
**Concentrations**

Students can enhance their degree by electing one of four genre concentrations: Nonfiction, Fiction, Poetry or Screenwriting.

**Nonfiction**

Study compelling storytelling in nonfiction and learn to meld research with your own narrative voice. At the culmination of the program, you will develop your own professional-quality piece of nonfiction, one that takes you deep into subjects that matter to you and helps you develop the skills you need for great storytelling. Gain insights into publishing, broadcasting and professional production. From short essays to the beginning of your memoirs, you will put pen to paper and tell your tale.

**Fiction**

Develop your own creative writing skills by studying the work of published writers. In addition to critical analytic and communication skills, you will gain insight into publishing, broadcasting and professional production. Your knowledge will grow beyond a basic understanding of plot building, narrative voice and character as you push your creative boundaries. At the culmination of the program, you will create your own manuscript and explore the skills you need for great storytelling.

**Poetry**

Foster your appreciation for verse with the inspiration, passion and creative collaboration that only a master’s in poetry concentration can bring. Hone your understanding and your craft, unleashing your imagination to create imagery that moves and inspires. Explore careers in creative writing, advertising, journalism, publishing, copywriting and poetry, as well as teaching. At the culmination of the program, you will develop your own manuscript of poetry.

**Screenwriting**

Deepen your understanding of screenwriting with this advanced exploration of the world of film and video, from shorts and episodic serials to feature-length blockbusters and documentaries. This concentration is based on a comprehensive study of the visual medium of film, with a special focus on story structure, character development and creative writing. At the culmination of the master’s in screenwriting concentration, you will have developed your own screenplay, one that takes you deep into subjects that matter to you.

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**English and Creative Writing Courses Include:**

- Graduate Studies in English Language
- Graduate Studies in Literary Theory
- Fiction and Film
- Studies in Place & Setting
- Genres: Fantasy, Sci-Fi and Other Popular Fiction
- Contemporary Writers and Publishing

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**Accreditation**

- The New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- New Hampshire Postsecondary Education Commission
- New Hampshire State Department of Education for Teacher Certification
- The Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs